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Business conference exceeds expectations

■ Between 200 and 300 people visited booths, discussed business and networked

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — A larger-than-expected crowd of business owners, curious residents and others came to a business conference at the El Cerrito Community Center to talk and network.

An estimated 200 to 300 people attended the March 14 event; organizers had planned for 150

people. The conference was sponsored by the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce, the city's economic development board and the Rotary Club of El Cerrito.

Some saw the turnout as evidence of the city's economic revitalization.

"The enthusiasm and energy here tonight was fresh and new," said Rodney Hiram, a Richmond graphic artist and the publisher of the forthcoming business-oriented El Cerrito Magazine.

Tables showed off design plans for a new city hall, as well

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JOANNA JHANDA/STAFF

ALBANY COUNCILMAN Robert Lieber has pushed forward on issues he feels strongly about, such as saving the city \$1 million on a city hall expansion, since being elected last November.

Lieber makes views known

■ New councilman opposes large-scale development and urban casinos, and champions renovating city buildings

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — In his basement, City Councilman Robert Lieber has posted fliers from benefit concerts in which he's performed, protests he's attended and campaign literature mailed during last November's city election, where he came in second out of six candidates.

Since his election, Lieber has wasted no time making his views known: He wants no large-scale development on the Albany waterfront, and no urban casinos.

He's been on the local television news and brought a resolution opposing the San Pablo Casino Plan to his fellow council members. They approved it unanimously.

"Albany is small city," said Lieber, a 51-year-old nurse at Alta

Bates Medical Center. "But that doesn't mean we have to have a small voice."

Lieber has received good marks for his performance from people who endorsed him in the last election. The waterfront and urban gambling, however, are just two of the issues Lieber intends to bring to the fore.

"I think he's doing a really good job," said Robert Cheasty, the president of the Citizens for the Eastshore Parks, and a staunch opponent of large-scale waterfront development. "He seems really dedicated and is putting in a lot of time, putting the public's interest close to heart."

Though it's his first time as an elected official, Lieber, a Berkeley native, said he's been an activist for environmental and anti-war causes his whole life. And he's raised money for social causes as a percussionist and singer with the Funky Nixons, a rock band he describes as "left-wing." They will play in a July 15 benefit for the Headwaters For-

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Some El Cerrito boards resist planned changes

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — Members of the city's park and recreation commission and economic development board are concerned about the overhaul of commissions the City Council will consider Monday night.

Parks commissioner Rosemary Loubal said she opposed an effort to move the oversight of city trees to the purview of a city tree committee.

The economic board unanimously opposes an effort to discontinue its regular meetings as well as the removal of a requirement that a member of the board be the president of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Sandi Potter said the recommendations, crafted by her

and Mayor Pro Tem Janet Abelson, were meant to create consistency among the city's commissions, have commissions work efficiently to implement council direction and improve the use of council and staff time.

"It's not driven by cost, but if it could make changes to save staff time and therefore money, then that would be useful," Potter said. "It means staff has more time to do creek restoration and other on-the-ground things."

Not everyone opposes the measures.

Ken Lerch said the parks commission largely favored the recommendations, except for a provision reducing the number of years per term, from four to two.

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DEAN COPPOLA/STAFF

MELANIE MINTZ, right, an environmental analyst for the El Cerrito Community Development Department, shows plans for the Baxter Creek Gateway Restoration Project, to Cathy Karklyn and Barry Karklyn, both from Bardon Data Systems, during the March 11 business conference at the community center.



GREGORY URQUIAGA/STAFF

FAIRMONT ELEMENTARY teacher David Ko talks with students Beatriz Andrade and Hoai Pham, both age 9, about how to plant their sap root seedling during the March 11 class outing to Cerrito Creek. The organizations Kids for the Bay and Friends of Five Creeks joined together to give local kids an environmental education.

Kids get feet wet in art of creek care

Program gives Fairmont students first-hand experience in planting and weeding at Cerrito Creek

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — The instructions were simple enough: Take the plant out of the tube and stick it into a hole in the ground.

Some fourth-graders were having prob-

lems. "It's hard to get out the plant," said one who was wearing a red T-shirt and hitting the bottom of the tube repeatedly with his hand.

"Get out!" he commanded, standing among the rocks and plants at Cerrito Creek and Cerrito Plaza.

He was one of about 40 students who joined soap plants and dug weeds at the creek as part of a city-supported environmental education program at Fairmont Elementary School.

The field trip began with Friends of Five Creeks coordinator Susan Schwartz ex-



GREGORY URQUIAGA/STAFF

KRISTINA CERVANTES of Kids for the Bay helps students down the bank to explore Cerrito Creek.

plaining how to dig the holes onto the banks of the creek and plant the soap plants, once used by Native Americans for making soap.

"If you're fairly quiet, I promise you will hear the frogs," she said.

"But I don't know if it's worth it to you," she said laughing, knowing how quiet children are when planting outdoors.

Students quickly took to the planting even though expressed some frustration at digging the plants out of the little tubes.

"It's hard, I've never planted plants before," said one girl. She also worried about stepping into the creek.

"I don't even want to swim in the creek," she said.

While the students focused on their plants, clear water flowed down the creek from a storm drain to empty out to the Bay.

After they were finished planting, the students then took to weeding burdock.

"It's fun," said 10-year-old Janette Martinez, using a small shovel to remove weeds from the ground. "I help my dad in the garden sometimes."

Others got excited at finding sow bugs — "roly-poly," — and worms.

"I like roly-polies," said one girl.

Schwartz was careful to explain the differences between the vegetation they were planting and removing.

"A weed is a plant in the wrong place," she said.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Albany

Games, prizes, eggs set for spring fair

The Albany Spring Fair will be held at Cornell Elementary School from 10 a.m. to noon March 26. The Easter Bunny will make an entrance by fire engine at 10 a.m. to give away chocolate eggs and hugs and to pose for pictures with the children. Games and prizes, arts and crafts, face painting and refreshment booths will all be open during the fair. Puppet shows will be presented at 10:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Admission to the fair, including the puppet shows, is free although, tickets are required for some of the activities. Proceeds help support Albany Preschool, a parent cooperative, founded in 1937. The fair is sponsored by Albany Preschool and the city Recreation and Community Services Department, and supported by donations from businesses and service organizations. Cornell School is at 920 Talbot Ave., between Solano Avenue and Marin Avenue.

Center to help elderly, their families

The Jewish Family and Children's Services of the East Bay will open its center for adult services at 828 San Pablo Ave. on Monday. The center is intended to expand the agency's programs, including counseling and care management, to help the elderly and their families. On Tuesday, the center will begin a workshop series on topics such as estate planning, driving and aging, caring for yourself while caring for others, and adaptations for safety and independence at home. There are also support groups for long-distance family caregivers, single women over 60, and those grieving the loss of a loved one. For details call 510-558-7800 ext. 716.

Public invited to tour proposed trail

The public is invited to join a walking tour of the proposed Bay Trail connection over Fleming Point in Albany on Saturday. The tour will highlight opportunities for improving connections with planned ballfields at the foot of Gilman Street and with existing bicycle and pedestrian routes such as the Ohlone Greenway.

The tour will start at 9:30 a.m. at the City Hall parking lot at San Pablo Avenue and Buchanan Street and will proceed to Albany Beach, over Fleming Point, east on Gilman Street, north on the Eastshore Highway, and back to City Hall. The tour will take about two hours. For details contact Susan Moffat at 510-525-3125.

El Cerrito

Talk set on 'No Child Left Behind Act'

Mills College professor Emery Roe and West County School District President Glen Price will address the No Child Left Behind Act at the next El Cerrito Democratic Club meeting. The meeting is at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the sanctuary of the Northminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury Ave. Roe will begin the program with a description of the law and its implications while Price will discuss the problems the law has generated for the school district. There will be time for questions. For more information, call 510-527-2194.

Tryouts start for soccer club teams

Tryouts for El Cerrito Soccer Club Class III Boys teams start this weekend. The tryouts for boys with birthdays from Aug. 1, 1991 to July 31, 1993 will be held 8:30-11 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, and 4-6 p.m. Wednesday. Tryouts for boys with birthdays from Aug. 1, 1993 to July 31, 1995, tryouts are 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and 4-6 p.m. Thursday. Tryouts are at B.T. Anderson Park, Potrero Ave. and 47th Street in Richmond. Details: 510-414-1039.

El Cerrito High plans celebration

El Cerrito High is planning a weekend celebration for the public May 13-May 15, called "ECHS 1941-2005... Before the Wrecking Ball Hits the Wall." The weekend celebrates the school's 64-year history, beginning with a "Gaucho Homecoming Mixer" in the cafeteria. All-day festivities on Saturday will start with a parade. The event closes on Sunday with a final "Goodbye Old School." For details contact Lu Tipping at 510-233-7731 or tipping1@aol.com or Kathie Nemy Weinstein at 510-215-5570 or bjhardy4@hotmail.com.

Kensington

Meeting to address plans for library

A town hall meeting to discuss the possible renovation or replacement of the Kensington Library will be held at 7 p.m. Monday at the library, 61 Arlington Ave. Some \$600 million in bond money may be available if state voters approve a measure planned for the June 2006 ballot. But it's a competitive process to apply for the money, requiring a needs assessment and matching funds. Half of the money available will go to projects promised money from a bond measure in 2000.

"The county would make decision (to apply for the money) based on the interest of the community," said Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia, who is planning to attend Monday's meeting.

The building is holding twice the amount materials it was meant to carry when it was built 40 years ago, said county librarian Anne Cain. It also lacks a computer training lab, homework space and children's program area, which are found in other facilities.

For more information, call 510-524-3043.

Spring celebration set for Saturday

The 17th annual Spring Celebration will be held from 6:30-10 p.m. Saturday at the Kensington Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave. Sponsored by the Kensington Community Council and Marvin's Garden Real Estate, the event will feature live entertainment, finger foods and wine and beer. There will also be a silent auction of works by local artists authors. Free child care, including pizza and a movie, will be available for children 3 and under. Proceeds will benefit the Kensington council's recreation programs as well as publication of the Kensington Outlook newspaper.

Tickets are \$25. For more information, call 510-525-0292.

— Alan Lopez, Martin Snapp, Deborah Byrd

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ALBANY POLICE REPORTS

Tuesday, March 8

■ **ASSAULT** — At about 2:30 p.m. an Albany man reported that another driver in a beige sedan had spit on him and on his car near Peralta and Marin avenues. The other driver was last seen headed toward Berkeley. The victim gave officers the other car's license plate number.

■ **THEFT** — Shortly before 5 p.m. a person at the Albany Library that a man had just stolen a purse. The man was gone when officers arrived but witnesses provided the license plate number of his vehicle.

■ **DISORDERLY CONDUCT** — At about 5:30 p.m. officers arrested a 52-year-old Albany man near Portland and Kains avenues after receiving reports of someone sleeping in the bushes. He was cited and released.

Friday, March 11

■ **SUV RECOVERED** — Oakland police found a blue 1990 Chevrolet SUV

reported stolen from Albany. It had been damaged and stripped and both plates were missing.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — Between noon and 3 p.m. thieves broke into a vehicle in the 1100 block of Curtis Street and stole the stereo and CDs.

■ **VANDALISM** — The janitor at Albany Middle School reported vandals had put graffiti around the school.

Saturday, March 12

■ **DUI** — At about 1:30 a.m. officers stopped a black Honda near San Pablo Avenue and Monroe Street for a vehicle code violation. They arrested the driver, a 28-year-old Daly City man, for DUI.

■ **DUI** — At about 2:30 a.m. officers stopped a black Jeep near San Pablo Avenue and Castro Street for erratic driving. They arrested the driver, a 30-year-old El Cerrito man, for DUI.

■ **DRUG POSSESSION** — Officers arrested a 44-year-old Berkeley man near Buchanan and Adams streets for

drug possession and an outstanding Berkeley and UCPD warrant for failure to appear.

Sunday, March 13

■ **OWNER FINDS STOLEN VAN** — The owner of a blue Nissan van reported stolen from the 800 block of Cerrito Street reported it found on the 800 block of Madison Street.

Monday, March 14

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — During the night thieves broke into a black Subaru on the 1000 block of Clay Street and stole items from inside.

■ **GMC STOLEN** — Someone stole a white 1992 GMC Safari during the night at 545 Pierce St.

■ **TOYOTA STOLEN** — Someone broke into a silver Toyota Prius parked at the dead end of Buchanan Street and stole items.

■ **DOUBLE ARREST** — At about 2:30 p.m. police received a call from

EL CERRITO POLICE REPORTS

Thursday, Feb. 24

■ **COUNTERFEIT** — A 42-year-old Oakland man on parole was arrested on suspicion of passing counterfeit \$100 bills at El Cerrito Plaza stores T-Mobile and Silver Screen Video. Police arrested the man after he returned to the cell phone store because his phone had been disconnected. Two secret service agents are helping police investigate the crime.

Sunday, Feb. 27

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 19-year-old Oakland man and two juveniles were arrested on suspicion of stealing a 2000 Jeep Grand Cherokee after the vehicle was stopped at 3:50 p.m. Police said the vehicle was reported stolen in Vallejo more than a year ago.

Tuesday, March 1

■ **DRUG POSSESSION** — A 41-year-old woman and a 37-year-old man, both from Richmond, were arrested on suspicion of possessing rock cocaine and being under the influence of a drug after they were stopped in their vehicle at San Pablo and Eureka avenues at 12:30 a.m.

Sunday, March 6

■ **VEHICLE BURGLARY** — Gloves were taken from the glove compartment of a Toyota Tacoma in the 100 block of Ashbury Avenue between 3:30 p.m. on March 6 and 6:30 a.m. the next day.

Monday, March 7

■ **VEHICLE BURGLARY** — A 2004 Toyota Tacoma was ransacked in the 7200 block of Fairmount Avenue between 12:30 and 3 p.m. There was nothing taken.

Tuesday, March 8

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1992 Acura Integra was taken from Eureka at Ashbury avenues at 10 a.m. It was found 30 minutes later in the 800 block of Liberty Street.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1987 Honda Accord was taken from the 11300 block of San Pablo Avenue between 3 and 5 p.m.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1995 Toyota reported stolen to Richmond police was recovered in the 11700 block of San Pablo Avenue at 8:40 p.m.

Kensington man earns music award

The American Academy of Arts and Letters (not to be confused with the other group that hands out the Oscars) has announced its 107th annual Academy Award for Music. And the winner is Ross Bauer of Kensington. The award "honors outstanding artistic achievement and acknowledges a composer who has arrived at his or her own voice." It will be presented to Bauer at the Academy's annual ceremony in May, along with something more valuable than a gold-plated statuette: \$15,000 — half in cold cash, half to pay for the recording of one of

his compositions. Bauer's works have been performed and recorded by the Radio Orchestras of Hilversum and Slovakia, Berkeley Symphony, San Francisco Contemporary Music Players, Alexander String Quartet, Earplay, Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra, Speculum Musicae, and the New York Music Ensemble. His Piano Quartet for violin, viola, cello and piano (2004) was commissioned by the State University of New York at Stony Brook. His day job is teaching theory and composition at the UC Davis Department of Music.

— Martin Snapp

Flea market proceeds set for rec programs

The El Cerrito "Trash to Treasures" flea market will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday in the community center parking lot, 7007 Mooser Lane. Proceeds will go to helping people participate in city recreational programs.

The city's annual egg hunt,

with eggs and candy, will be held Saturday, March 26, from 10 to 11 a.m. at Arlington Park, 1120 Arlington Blvd. Children should bring a basket and arrive early as the hunt is over quickly. The hunt will happen rain or shine. For details call 510-559-7005.

— Alan Lopez

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Assemblywoman praises chamber's green efforts

Assemblywoman Loni Hancock has congratulated the Albany Chamber of Commerce for its effort to certify green businesses in the city as well as its own green certification.

Hancock said she was impressed with the chamber's vision of saving Albany businesses money while helping the environment.

"Your goals for the next two years to increase recycling and assist fifty businesses in becoming green are admirable," she wrote in a letter to the chamber. "This is an excellent proposal from a small community, and I believe that the green Albany project will serve as a prototype for other cities. I have confidence that your ambitious goals will prove inspirational to larger cities and business districts."

Meanwhile, the chamber

board of directors has issued a statement on potential development at Golden Gate Fields.

The chamber board supports thoughtful development that is environmentally friendly, poses no challenges to existing commercial districts and is supported by Albany residents.

"Given Golden Gate Fields' long support of our community and chamber," the statement says, "it is our hope and expectation that the current development will carefully consider stakeholders in their plans and help maintain the small-town character that makes Albany such a wonderful place to live and do business."

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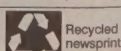
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have a government without newspapers, or newspapers
without a government, I should not hesitate a moment
to prefer the latter."
— Thomas Jefferson

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LETTERS TO
THE EDITORWe refuse to spoil
Albany

The headline, "Developer defends waterfront plans," omits an important fact: Horse racing at Golden Gate Fields can no longer compete with casino gambling. As casinos rise, GGF revenues fall.

Make no mistake, Magna (a Canadian corporation) intends to install slot machines at GGF and/or pave it over with a megamall that will suck the life out of Solano Avenue, grid-lock the freeway (already rated Bay Area's heaviest traffic), and pollute the recovering environment.

If asked, I am telling the developer, Caruso, and its hired guns, that Albany will not become a one-company town. We are highly educated and have astronomical property values, excellent schools, strong environmental commitment, and responsive police and fire services.

Instead, the Albany waterfront will be the crown jewel in the Eastshore State Park. After decades of work, our world-class park is now nearly complete.

The residents of Albany are supporting 85 percent park and 15 percent development next to the freeway, to more than replace lost revenues after the departure of GGF to Dixon or sale of the land to the Eastshore State Park, whichever comes first.

Albany is not about to spoil its choice waterfront park with casino gambling and/or a mall.

Bill Dann
AlbanyAlbany waterfront
park

In the March 4 Journal, Robert Cheasty is quoted as saying "people have been working for decades to get a waterfront park." (I presume he does not include himself during the years he was in the employ of the race track.)

In any case, whatever he and his cohorts have been doing to get a park, it has failed miserably. We still have acres of disused parking lots, no Bay Trail, and no park amenities. The vast plateau area has been designated park for years, but the only evi-

dence is a sign that says so.

Our waterfront is a great resource. It is Albany's front yard and it offers the potential for Albany residents of all ages to enjoy it in a variety of ways. It is time to rethink the failed strategies, divisiveness, and gridlock of the last 20 years.

I am very disappointed, if it is true, that three Albany City Council members have already made up their minds. It is a sad day when a developer is the only one listening to the community.

Judith Innes
AlbanyA boost to fire
paramedic programs

Under a plan that will assist fire departments undertaking or expanding paramedic services, the county Board of Supervisors has selected American Medical Response, the private ambulance company currently serving most of Contra Costa County, for a new five- to nine-year contract beginning in July.

The new contract eliminates the Measure H subsidy previously provided to the private ambulance service and makes about \$30,000 per fire station available annually to help support fire paramedic programs.

County subsidy for paramedic services began after passage of Measure H in 1988. Measure H imposed a parcel assessment to upgrade emergency medical services. Since few fire departments then provided paramedic service, a major portion of the new funding went to expand ambulance paramedic service.

Firefighters did respond on medical calls to provide first aid and CPR prior to arrival of the ambulance, and Measure H funds were used to upgrade fire medical response to include automatic defibrillators.

As more fire departments undertook paramedic programs, it became evident the level of emergency medical care could be improved through a combination of engine-based and ambulance paramedic service. Also, with a paramedic on the engine, ambulance staffing could be reduced from two paramedics to one paramedic and an emergency medical technician.

The county's challenge was to

develop a plan to assist jurisdictions that wanted a fire paramedic program while continuing to deliver ambulance-based paramedic services at the existing level in jurisdictions' fire paramedics.

The new plan, developed with input from fire, ambulance and other agencies, accomplishes that objective. No fire department is required to provide paramedic service, but those that do receive financial assistance. Measure H funding also is available to fire departments for paramedic startup costs.

The county Emergency Medical Care Committee, comprised of agency and public representatives appointed by the Board of Supervisors, reviewed the plan and received public comment in a series of public meetings. The final plan was endorsed by the EMCC before going to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

Fire departments in the county that currently provide paramedic service include El Cerrito Fire Department, Pinole Fire Department, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District, Moraga-Orinda Fire Protection District, Rodeo-Hercules Fire Protection District, and San Ramon Valley Fire Protection Dis-

trict. Jurisdictions not providing paramedic first-responder services will be able to opt into the program at a future date, if they choose.

Under the new ambulance contract, AMR will provide paramedic training for up to 100 firefighters, will provide a number of free CPR training classes for the public and will donate defibrillators for placement in community facilities.

Although no fire departments in the county currently bill patients for first-responder services, AMR will agree to provide first-responder billing in any jurisdiction if desired.

Dr. John Tysell
Chairman, Contra Costa
Emergency Medical Care
CommitteeShow other side of
coin

This is regarding your March 4 front-page article, "Developer defends waterfront plans."

The "article" claims Matt Middlebrook has met with residents and waterfront committee members and that he "believes" the residents want more than just a park. Well, he didn't ask me or

many of my neighbors who do want a park and not some development.

It disturbs me that Middlebrook got this big front-page article and that it is written in a way that suggests the people of Albany are for his ideas. Wrong! This is just another example of "money talks."

I hope to see a front-page article showing the other side of the coin of this situation ... you know, real news, not one-sided news.

Robert A. Medeiros
AlbanyAbsurd
rationalization

Typical of politicians' rationalization, the San Pablo City Council unanimously endorsed a downtown Indian casino by philosophizing that the casino issue is one that pits rich communities against poor ones.

Councilman Leonard McNeil espoused, from his platform, "If you are economically well-off, you can afford to take a moral stance about whether people should gamble or not." The statement is laughable through its complete absurdity.

Does McNeil have any idea as to how anyone can economically well-off by giving away one's family dream that, all too often, comes a nightmare? And not just for the gamblers, the gamblers' families, etc., as well.

Recently, at Albany University of Nevada, William Thompson published a study, provided press, claiming a casino cause economic losses of \$200 million for the Bay Area.

Not to worry. The casino will be off, but the casino, can afford to pick up the pieces.

One question: How many years do McNeil and his cohorts take to lift the burden of the casino? Well, they can end the suffering by gambling in the backyard casino in San Pablo. And their losses can fill the coffers of their city.

Do-gooders, indeed! all economically well-off will afford to help the lifting their poor community of its depressed plight.

Diane E. ...

Calendar

Submissions to the Community Calendar must be received Thursdays one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-available basis. Mail submissions to Pam Middings, 1516 Oak St., Alameda, CA 94501; e-mail them to pmiddings@attimes.com or fax them to 510-748-1680. Call 510-748-1683 if you have questions.

Children

■ **Los Amiguitos de La Pena**, the Saturday morning La Pena Children's Program, 3105 Shattuck Ave., presents: Arianna Guthrie & Lydia Mills performs Spanish game songs March 19. — Kevin Griffin, Alisa Peres perform songs from traditional folk to Latin America April 2. — Bonnie Lockhart performs songs & music games April 9. — Gayle Schmidt & the Toodala Ramblers perform front porch bluesgrass, old-time songs April 16. — Betsy Rose performs songs honoring Earth Day April 23. — Orange Sherbet, Jill Pierce & Tamsen Fynn perform songs about dinosaurs and dump trucks April 30. — Shows start at 10:30 a.m.; cost: \$4 adults, \$3 children; unless otherwise noted. Details: call 510-849-2568 or go to www.lapena.org.

■ **Habitat Children's Museum**, 2065 Kittredge St., presents: Shamrock Celtic Band performs Celtic music 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. March 19. Art activities and a hunt for hidden pots of gold will take place in museum all day long. — Early Childhood Safety Campaign Kickoff: Helmet Safety Day is April 8. All day: Toddler helmets that meet all CPSC, ASTM, and ANSI standards on sale. Toddler helmet fitting is 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. in museum; helmet decorating is 10 a.m.-1 p.m. in art studio. Admission: \$6 child, \$5 adult. Details: call 510-647-1111 or go to www.habitat.org.

■ **Lawrence Hall of Science**, 1 Centennial Drive, presents: Exploratorium sampler exhibit showing through May 1. Many favorite hands-on exhibits. — Sun-Earth Day events: "Sizzling Solar Activities," "Searching for Extraterrestrial Life: Experts Share the Latest Clues" at 12:30 p.m. March 20. — "Alien Earths" exhibit shows through May 8. — Admis-

sion \$4.50-\$8.50. Details: go to www.lawrencehallscience.com or call 510-642-5132.

Community

■ **Arts & Crafts Cooperative Inc.** presents its March Seconds Sale 11 a.m.-6 p.m. March 18-20 at 1652 Shattuck Ave. Save up to 70 percent on ceramics, jewelry, glass, etc. Details: call 510-843-2527 or go to www.artsccallery.org.

■ **Hopalong Animal Rescue** presents these pet adoption events: Cats at 12-3 p.m. March 19, 26 at Your Basic Bird, 2940 College Ave. Details: go to www.hopalong.org or call 510-267-1915.

■ **Ecology Center** presents National Nutrition Month events at Berkeley Farmers' Market, Derby Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Way: Cooking demonstrations with "Eat in Season" theme at 3:30 & 4:30 p.m. March 29. — Berkeley Community Gardening Collaborative hosts a free compost giveaway 10 a.m.-3 p.m. March 19. Details: call 510-548-3333 or go to www.ecologycenter.org.

■ **Vista Community College fundraiser "A Conversation with Danny Glover"** is 7:30 p.m. March 19 at Berkeley Repertory Theater. Felix Justice also featured. Tickets: \$50 or \$100 for performance plus after theater gala with Glover. Tickets: go to www.vista-tix.com, go to Vista's Cashier's Office, 2020 Milvia St., or call 510-981-2851 or after 5 p.m. 510-981-2852.

■ **Berkeley Historical Society Photo Essay Competition** ends 4 p.m. March 19. Submit entries at Berkeley History Center, 1931 Center St. Winners will be announced on April 1 and an awards ceremony will be held there at the B.H.S. Annual Meeting at 3-5 p.m. on April 10. Details: go to 510-848-0181 or go to www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/histsoc/.

■ **Berkeley Friends Church**, 1600 Sacramento St., presents: lecture "Jesus & the Bible in Quaker Faith & Practice" 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. March 19 with guest speaker T. Canby

Jones. — Lecture "Unlocking Horns: Healing & Forgiveness in Burnout" is 7:15-9 p.m. March 23. Details: 510-524-4112.

■ **City of Berkeley Creeks Task Force** meetings are 7-9:30 p.m. at North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Ave. on: March 21, 28, and April 4. Details: go to <http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/commissions/creeks/>.

■ **North Berkeley Senior Center**, 1901 Hearst Ave., presents: Berkeley Parkinson's Support Group meeting 10 a.m. March 21. — Toastmasters Club Members present various interesting speeches 1:15 March 22. — California Telephone Access Program demonstrates new phones and devices available for no charge 1 p.m. March 23. — All events are free. Details: call 510-981-5190 or go to <http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/seniors/NBSC/nbsc.htm>.

■ **Jewish day camp Camp Gan Israel's** Open House is 8 p.m. March 22, April 13 at 2643 College Ave. Campers enjoy sports, swimming, overnights, crafts, gymnastics, Shabbat parties, and twice weekly trips. See a video slide show and have your questions answered. RSVP to Chabad of the East Bay at 510-540-5824.

■ **El Cerrito Democratic Club** will be meeting on Tuesday, March 22 at 7:30 p.m., in sanctuary of Northminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury Avenue, El Cerrito. Program for this meeting will be a two-member panel addressing the controversial No Child Left Behind Act, signed into law by President Bush in January 2002, which has expanded the federal role in education. Details: call 510-526-4874 or 510-527-2194.

■ **Jewish Family & Children's Services** of the East Bay Center for Older Adults, 828 San Pablo Ave., Suite 104, Albany, presents free lectures: "Forgetfulness: Is It Normal Aging or Alzheimer's?" 4-6 p.m. March 22. — "Caring for Yourself While Caring for Others" 7-9 p.m. March 24. "Estate Planning & Power of Attorney" 7-9 p.m. March 31. — "Will Your Bones Carry You into the Future?" 4-6 p.m. April 5. — "Preserving the Estate: Medicare, Medicaid & Long-term Insurance" 7-9 p.m. April 7. — "Supermarket Savvy - Shopping for a Healthier Diet" 7-9 p.m. April 12. Details/registration: call 510-558-7800.

■ **Gray Panthers'** next meeting is

1:30 p.m. March 23 at North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Ave. Theme is "Honoring Rosie's Sisters: Women Veterans." During Women's History Month Gray Panthers celebrate women who served during WWII, Korea, the Spanish Civil War, and any time. They were among those who broke old rules for what women could and could not do, leading to women's liberation movement. Details: call 510-548-9696.

■ **Older People United**, a discussion and support group for elders over 75, meets 1:30 p.m. March 24 at Gray Panther Office, 1403 Addison St. Led by Jean Reyes, it will have humor and pathos, concerns and ideas. Sponsored by Berkeley Gray Panthers; all are welcome. 510-548-9696.

■ **Purim Night Party** is 7-10 p.m. March 24 at Bancroft Hotel, 2680 Bancroft Way. Cost: \$8/adult, \$4/UC student and children under 12. Megilla reading at 7:30 p.m. Live music by Farris Whiles, costume contest for prizes, Hamantaschen and refreshments. Bukl the clown will do balloons and face painting. Call Chabad of East Bay, 510-540-5824 for details on Purim Day Feast at a mystery location.

■ **Berkeley Boosters Police Activities League's "Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Social"** is 6 p.m. March 24 at Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave. Hear the story of Ben & Jerry's. Event also features a panel discussion with Cliff Bar, Wells Fargo, DoubleTree Hotel and Skates on the Bay. Event is a fundraiser for Berkeley Boosters PAL, to provide services to at-risk Berkeley youth. Tickets: \$100; call 925-798-1300. Details: go to www.juliamorgan.org.

■ **Kol Hadash Shabbat/Purim Celebration** and Pot Luck Dinner is 6-9 p.m. March 25 at Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave., Albany. Kol Hadash is the Bay area's only Jewish Humanistic congregation. Details: call 510-428-1492 or email info@kolhadash.org.

■ **Truitt and White** present free seminar "Best Practices for Window Installations - New Construction" 9-11 a.m. March 26 at 1817 Second St. Registration required; call 510-649-2674 or go to www.truittandwhite.com.

■ **Tsunami Benefit Concert** Do Something: Young People Changing Their World" is 7:30 p.m. March 29 at Freight & Salvage Coffee House, 1111 Addison Ave., Features acoustic music of many acts including musicians

from Communia School of the East Bay. Tickets: \$25. Details: call 510-548-1761.

■ **Robert B. Reich** gives public talk "How Unequal Can America Get Before We Snap?" at 7 p.m. April 5 at UC Berkeley's Wheeler Auditorium. Event is free but tickets needed; call 510-642-9988. For location, see map: www.berkeley.edu/map.

■ **American Red Cross's** next mobile blood drive is 8 a.m.-2 p.m. April 12 at St. Mary's College Science Building, High School 1294 Alameda Ave. Details: call Call 800-GIVE-LIFE (800-448-3543) or see www.BeADonor.com.

■ **AARP Tax-Aide** is nation's largest volunteer-run tax counseling and preparation service; the free service can answer most of the tax issues faced by middle and low income taxpayers, with special attention to those age 60 and older. To locate a site near you, call 888-AARPNOW (888-227-7669) through April 15 or go to www.aarp.org/taxaide for year-round assistance.

Film/dance/stage

■ **La Pena Cultural Center**, 3105 Shattuck Ave., hosts the upcoming events: **Rhythm in Reason** with Welfare Poets, Youth Movement Records 9 p.m. March 18. \$7-\$10. — **Lichi Fuentes**, Claudia Tenorio & Cava 7:30 p.m. March 19. \$12-\$14. — **La Pena Latin Jazz Ensemble** 7 p.m. March 20. \$10. — **Domingo de Rumba** 3:30 p.m. March 20. April 3. — 8th International Latino Film Festival-SF Bay Area presents "Dirt" 7:30 p.m. March 23. \$8. — **Salsa dancing** with Oriental and Loco Bloco 6-10 p.m. March 24. \$10-\$12. — **"La Gloria Eres Tu, Bolero; Its History and Music"** 8:30 p.m. March 25. \$12-\$15. — **Georges Lammam Ensemble** 8 p.m. March 26. \$20. — **Rafael Manriquez & Duamuxa** 8 p.m. April 1. \$12. — **Rebecca Mauleon & Quintet** concert and workshop starts at 4 p.m. April 2. \$15. — **Cuba Solidarity Event** is 7 p.m. April 3. \$5-\$10. — **Rhythms in Reason** 9 p.m. April 8. \$7-\$10. — **Madmedia's Poché** and **Colored Ink** 8 p.m. April 9. \$7-\$10. — **Horacio Salinas** 8 p.m. April 10. \$12. Details: call 510-849-2568 or go to www.lapena.org.

■ **Cal Performances** presents **Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater** 8 p.m. March 18; 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. March 19; 3 p.m. March 20 at UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall. Tickets: \$32-\$54. Details: call 510-642-9988.

■ **Ashkenaz Music & Dance** at the University Center, 1317 San Pablo Ave. presents: **Grateful Dead** DJ night at Dave 10 p.m. March 18. \$11. — **Swing with Steve Lacy & Friends** 8 p.m. March 18. \$13. — **Beatbox Showcase** 8 p.m. March 18. \$12. — **Cajun/Zydeco** with the Bums, Ms. Carmen Stovall & the Bums 8 p.m. March 20. \$11. — **Balkan Folkdance** 7:30 p.m. March 26. \$8. — **Purim Party** with the Bums 8 p.m. March 29. \$8. — **Ragtime** 8 p.m. March 29. \$8. — **Heavy Elements**, Dr. Masson & the Bums 9:30 p.m. March 25. \$10. — **Lavay Smith & her Red Hot Band** 8 p.m. March 26. \$11. — **Cajun/Western swing** with the Bums 8 p.m. March 29. \$8. — **Leans jazz** with Mal Shapir & the Bums 8 p.m. March 30. — **Bhangra & Pan-Asian** dance with Dhol Patrol 9 p.m. March 30. — **Kotoja: The Afrobeat Experience** Free African dance lessons at 8 p.m. April 30, followed by show at 9 p.m. — Cost: \$13 general, \$10 w/ ID, unless otherwise noted. Details: call 510-525-0594 or go to www.naz.com.

■ **"Frank Oliver's Twisted Circus 2005"** is 8 p.m. March 18, 19, 20 p.m. March 20 at Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave. Oliver and his sidelong Paul & the Bums perform a variety show: 12 acts including juggling, dancing, fire, knife throwing, and more. \$10 a unicorn, \$12 a unicorn, \$14 a unicorn, \$16 a unicorn, \$18 a unicorn, \$20 a unicorn, \$22 a unicorn, \$24 a unicorn, \$26 a unicorn, \$28 a unicorn, \$30 a unicorn, \$32 a unicorn, \$34 a unicorn, \$36 a unicorn, \$38 a unicorn, \$40 a unicorn, \$42 a unicorn, \$44 a unicorn, \$46 a unicorn, \$48 a unicorn, \$50 a unicorn. Details: call 510-525-0594 or go to www.juliamorgan.org.

■ **UC Berkeley Art Museum** presents **23rd San Francisco International Asian American Festival** March 19: 12:30 p.m. — 12:30 p.m. March 19. "Evolution of a Filipino Family." Details: go to www.berkeleyartmuseum.org.

■ **Gil Chun's Bay Area Folklore** is a lively program of tap and dancing, hula, and musical comedy. 7 p.m. & 7 p.m. March 20 at the theatre, 2015 Addison St.

■ **Dance Across a Decade** at KIDS! Winter Showings to 6 p.m. at 2525 8th Street. Students as they show their winter season. Showing will sneak preview of a new well graphed by Sean McKeown of Dance Company. Details: www.dance.org.

EL CERRITO
SCHOOL NOTES

Madera Elementary

March 24, 6 p.m. — Ribbon-cutting ceremony, open house and book fair. Come to Madera for a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the completion of the newly remodeled school. The ceremony begins at 6 p.m., followed by coffee and snacks and the open house. A Scholastic Book fair also will be held in the multipurpose room from 6-8:30 p.m. Madera is at 8500 Madera Dr., El Cerrito.

Cerrito High School

Members of the Class of 2005 are purchasing tickets for an opportunity drawing. Tickets are \$5 each or \$20 for a block of 5 tickets. First prize is \$1,000, second prize is \$500 and third prize is \$250. The winners will be selected at Casino Night on April 9. You do not need to be present to win. All proceeds will be used for Grad Night in the Class of 2005. Tickets are available from senior parents, or send a check (made out to ECHS Grad Night) to Elsie Mishima at 1340 Linda Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530. Tickets are on sale for the El Cerrito High School Casino Night fund-raiser to be held from 7-11 p.m. April 9 at the Community Center. Proceeds will go to support student recognition projects, the Gaucha Corral newsletter, and Night, the Principal's Fund, and other projects for the new campus. This year, 175 Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served and professional casino staff will run the games. We provide instructions to beginners. Includes silent auction, live music, no cash bar and wine bar. Suggested donation for tickets is \$20 each or \$35 for two in advance or \$25 per person. (No money is used) and a drink coupon. Adults only. To order tickets for more information, contact: Jacky Takimoto Allen Reeves Joann Bayat, 510-524-9468.

El Cerrito High School Fields Planning Committee is planning a kickoff meeting for the ECHS Fields Design on March 24 in the cafeteria.

Portola Middle School

March 22: Portola PTSA Meeting, 11-12 p.m.
March 22: Jazz Explosion V Concert, 7 p.m. Costa College Performing Arts Center, 7 p.m. Portola Jazz Groups play alongside professional musicians including special guests from the Power and keyboard player Mike Martin. Contact Lynn Chung for tickets at lchung@aol.com.
March 26: Portola Jazz Band, Jazz Ensemble, and Latin Ensemble at the Costa Cruz Jazz Festival.
March 28-April 1: spring recess
March 28: Chevy's Night Fund-raiser at 10001 in Emeryville. Support the music program; have a great dinner, and hear our own Jazz Combo and Latin Ensemble perform.

Harding Elementary

Staff and students at Harding raised money for the victims of the tsunami. Grade teacher Ms. Ferguson and Student Council organized this effort. Registration, March 1-31. For kindergarten at Harding from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. during March. The parents necessary for registration with certificate, immunization records and a PG&E bill or house number. For more information, call the office at 510-525-0273 or visit <http://www.hardingpta.org/>. Source: El Cerrito school e-mail trees

Recognition due children's book series

Quote of the week:

"Children's series books have historically been frowned upon by educators and librarians alike. Due to this, thousands of the books have been disregarded as the equivalent of 'trashy' for children, and have thus been excluded from the classroom."

— Jennifer Lyn Sczerbinski, Honors Thesis April 2004, "Mystery in the Old Schoolhouse: Why Children's Series Have Wrongly Been Excluded from the Classroom"



JULIE WINKELSTEIN
At the Library

ing, then that child is developing a comfort with words, books, page-turning, anticipation and all the other wonderful parts of reading.

A well-loved book leads a child to another book and another — and who knows where it will end up? My reading as a child included Superman comics, "Anne of Green Gables," fairy tales and just about anything else that came along. I saw reading as a vehicle for escape and entertainment, and as a way to find out more about how I felt in my own world.

Next, I can understand the desire to read a series of anything. It can be intimidating to walk into a library and try to find something you want to read. Librarians help with this by organizing the materials in some way: by genre, like mystery or science fiction; by subject, like history or cooking; by currency — all new books; or even by more practical or popular categories — like books about things with wheels or monsters.

There are parenting collections, international language collections, reference books on quotations, atlases — even, at some libraries, staff favorites. All of these groupings are aimed to-

ward making it easier for a library user to find a book of interest to him or her.

A series fills this same need in children and adults. Once you've read and enjoyed one of the books, you know you will probably like the other ones. One of my happiest moments is when I find a great new author and inside the front cover of the book is a long list of other titles by the same person. Of course, these aren't necessarily a series — each may have completely different characters and stories — but it is the same principle.

And of course, adults read series all the time — look at the mystery series by Walter Mosley, Tony Hillerman and others. These are adult series, just as Hercule Poirot is a child's mystery series.

I admit there can be a sameness in a series — or even in unrelated works by the same author. But this will eventually lead the reader to other books and other authors.

I believe there are no wrong books. I think books are like stepping-stones across a running creek: Our foot rests on each one — sometimes for a longer time, sometimes we barely make contact. But in the end, it is the crossing that matters.

Reach librarian Julie Winkelstein at jwinkelstein@aclibrary.org or at the Albany Library, 510-526-3720 ext. 20.



MARK DUFRÉNE/STAFF

A special bench

CHRISTOPHER KILDEGAARD, 9, tries out a bench dedicated to the memory of his late grandmother, Ethel Hansen, Albany's first crossing guard. The bench is at the corner of Talbot and Solano avenues, Hansen's post as crossing guard for more than 30 years. The dedication ceremony was held on Tuesday at 3:15 p.m. — right after school.



LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Create a paper character at the Albany Library with local author and illustrator Elisa Kleven, from 2-4 p.m. on April 2. Children and adults can make their own paper characters, stories and settings, using art materials of all kinds in this free event. The library will supply the materials to create an imaginary world with paper, glue and scissors.

Kleven has written and/or illustrated more than 20 children's books, including "Abuela," "The Paper Princess," "The Puddle Pail" and "The Lion and the Little Red Bird." Her collage illustrations and stories celebrate creativity and imagination, and have earned numerous awards.

Puppet Company creator Randall Metz will present a free show called "Trickster Tales" at the library at 7 p.m. April 5. These masked hand puppets come to life in this comic blending of two funny fables, "The Three Wishes" and "Stone Soup." The Albany Library is at 1247 Marin Ave. For information on its services and programs, call 510-526-3720 ext. 20.

Kirk Waller, master storyteller, will appear at the El Cerrito Li-

brary at 11 a.m. April 16, sponsored by the Friends of the El Cerrito Library.

Tilden Park naturalist aide Sally Lundgren will be at the library at 11 a.m. March 19 with some examples of local wildlife, which may include "Rabbits, Turtles and Wiggly Snakes" (the title of the program.)

Readers Anonymous, the library's book club, meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. Copies of the current selection are available at the check-out desk. Next up: "When the Emperor Was Divine," by Julie Otsuka (March 22).

The El Cerrito Library is at 6510 Stockton Ave. For details call 510-526-7512.

Internationally acclaimed storyteller and artist Randel McGee will help the Kensington Library library celebrate National Library Week as he portrays beloved storyteller Hans Christian Andersen, at 6:30 p.m. April 12. The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Kensington Library.

The Kensington Library is at 61 Arlington Ave. Phone: 510-524-3043.

— Compiled by Deborah Byrd

ALBANY SCHOOL NEWS

Albany High School

Students are encouraged to bring cans of non-perishable food for the Food Drive during March. Barrels are in the atrium lobby outside the main office. The Leo's Club and Lions for Sight needs donations of old prescription eyeglasses. The collection box is in the main office.

The counselors will be holding drop-in sessions during lunch in the lobby outside the counseling office on March 22 to assist students with choosing their classes for next year.

Albany Middle School

The following girls attended the Mills College math competition "Count On Girls" on March 5: sixth-graders — Valeria Fedyk, Sonya Schoenberger, Alina Zhu, and Connie Huang; seventh-graders — Serena Zhou, Helen Wong, Karin Allen, and Sarah Kim; and eighth-graders — Alice Cai, Kristy Yang, Janie Gu, and Monica Chen. The sixth- and eighth-grade teams took first place. AMS was the only public school in the competition.

March 22: eighth-grade Panoramic Picture, 1:30 p.m.
March 23: AMS faculty vs. eighth grade basketball game, 2:30 p.m.
March 25: Minimum day — dismissal at 12:30 p.m.

Marin Elementary School

So far, 160 families have contributed \$16,923 to the Hundrath. The goal is 100 percent participation from Marin families, and any donated amount is appreciated. The first project of the PTA's newly formed World Committee is underway.

Kindergarten teacher Elsie DeLaere, in cooperation with Afghans 4 Tomorrow, has visited classrooms to present slides from her trip to Afghanistan schools.

Ocean View Elementary

Paper scrip is available on order at the office or by calling or e-mailing Laurie Amaro at 510-525-0476 and albany94@yahoo.com.

AUSD

March 28-April 1: Spring break — no school
March 22: Regular School Board meeting, Cornell School, 7:30 p.m. District information is available online at www.albany.k12.ca.us. Support your local merchants who support Albany schools!

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Creeks

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"We want biodiversity," Schwartz added. "What that means is we want a lot of different plants and a lot of different animals."

Prior to the field trip, the students were given three lessons in class from a teacher with the Berkeley-based non-profit envi-

ronmental education group Kids for the Bay.

In and out of the class, students learned about food chains, pollution, storm drains, and more, said teacher Kristina Cervantes. Students will cap off the program by raising tadpoles and releasing the mature frogs back to the creek.

The city spent \$5,000 in county storm drain taxes to bring the program to Fairmont Ele-

mentary School, said El Cerrito maintenance manager Bruce King. Education, he said, is one way the city attempts to meet federal clean water rules.

"We want people to be cognizant of that fact, to watch and protect what goes down the storm drain," King said, because it flows into the bay.

Digging up weeds and wearing an orange shirt reading "Lindsay Rules," (as in actress

Lindsay Lohan) 9-year-old Beatriz Andrade said she learned about storm drains and to not pollute.

"If you throw garbage and it goes to the creek," she said, "it can hurt the environment," Janette quickly added.

Reach Alan Lopez at 510-243-3578 or at alopez1@cctimes.com.

Business

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as the Mill and Lumber housing and retail development at San Pablo Avenue and Schmidt Lane and plans for the renovated Cerrito Theater.

Residents strolled around the room, socializing and getting information as well as a bite from the catered buffet or a drink from the bar.

Tony Wise, the owner of Granters Jewelry and Loan on San Pablo Avenue, said he was busy exchanging business cards informing people of his new venture as a real estate agent.

Karen Nierlich, the co-owner

of Almost Everything, a Web design and marketing firm, said she was networking and promoting the Rotary. It was a successful event because of the openness of the attendees, she said.

"An unsuccessful event," Nierlich said, smiling, "is where you walk in a room and people are afraid to talk."

El Cerrito High School parents Madeline Kronenberg and Lu Tipping promoted the school's archiving effort and its May 13 weekend events celebrating the school's history.

Kronenberg said she believed the city, which will see a number of schools rebuilt and possibly a new city hall in the next several years, is undergoing a rebirth.

"(The city) has a tremendous amount of positive energy, which I haven't seen living in all my years in El Cerrito," Kronenberg said.

Added Tipping: "And this event captured that."

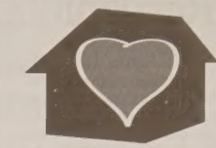
Marty's Motors owner Marty Kaliski said the Friday, March 14 event was also an effort to help small businesses, 80 percent of which fail in their first two years. City economic analyst Betsy Morris said there were 12 tables

providing resources to small business, such as information about how to get government loans.

She said she sensed that residents, particularly those with newer home-based businesses, were eager to get together.

"My hope," said Morris, "is that it will be an annual event."

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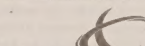
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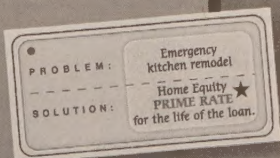
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GREGORY URQUIAGA/STAFF

Lieber

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est Coalition at Ashkenaz in Berkeley.

He got involved in Albany politics with the Measure C campaign in 1990 and for the past two years, he and other residents have worked with the council on new zoning for San Pablo Avenue side streets.

He ran for the council last November earning a number of endorsements from local residents and Congresswoman Barbara Lee.

Albany school board member Miriam Walden said she supported Lieber because the council needed someone who was prepared to go to the mat with developers wanting to build on the city waterfront.

Even the fanciest mall would be out of date within 25 years, she said, but open space would

remain valuable for generations.

"Most of the people on the council before the last election were in favor of some type of development down there," said Walden, "and didn't seem to indicate a strong desire to negotiate for more open space, more public access and more protection for the long run for that space."

Lieber's other goals include creating a social justice committee, saving up to \$1 million in taxpayer money on the city's plan to renovate city hall and the police station and having Albany acquire its Veterans Memorial Building from the county, though he said it may cost \$900,000 million to turn it into a useable space.

He also supports an effort to close four streets that lead from Albany to El Cerrito Plaza and wants Albany and El Cerrito officials to work together to further restore Cerrito Creek, which

marks the border of those two cities.

He also wants the city to re-examine campaign finance reform, after he was criticized for failing to sign a voluntary \$6,000 campaign contribution limit last November.

"I'm so grateful to get this opportunity to have a voice," Lieber said. "To not use it would be a shame."

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Boards

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He said some commissioners believed the term may be too short. However, commissioner Rosemary Loubal strongly disagreed with giving tree oversight to a tree committee, while limiting the parks and recreation commission to oversight of landscaping issues within parks, playgrounds and recreation facilities.

In a letter to the council, she suggested that a public works commission be created to oversee trees, parks and other city infrastructure.

Lerch said he agrees that trees found in parks should remain under the purview of the parks commission, but that other city trees — those found on sidewalks for example — could be overseen by another commission.

"I don't think there was a unified stance taken (on the recommendations) as a commission," said Lerch of the parks commission's Feb. 23 meeting. "It was a collection of comments from individual commissioners."

Economic board members unanimously opposed recommendations about their commission. Board member Ann Lehman said the group, which was established in 2000 and meets monthly, has had difficulty figuring out what it was meant to do. That is until recently, when board members helped organize the city's first business conference, held last week.

Board members said they believed the group was just beginning to have an effect.

"You'd have to be starting from scratch every time if you were only

meeting on occasion," said member Lisa Cain, who is also president of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce board. "I think that would hinder the efficacy of the (economic) board."

At its March 3 meeting, the economic board also opposed an effort to remove a requirement that a seat be reserved for the chamber of commerce president. As an alternative, the economic board recommended that the council choose a board member from one of three nominated by the chamber of commerce.

"We (the chamber of commerce) have more than 200 members," said Cain. "And I'm sure we can find one the City Council would be happy with."

At its March 21 meeting, the council will consider a number of other recommendations about city boards and commissions, including decreasing the number of years per term from four to two (while increasing term limits from two consecutive terms to four),

adopting a "code of ethics" for dismissing volunteers and three meetings in one year.

The recommendations include expanding training for commissioners, beginning next fiscal year.

Potter and Abbot recommended that the financial advisory on-call and be chosen by a majority vote of the council of individually by the member.

Potter said that the pages of recommendations, she said, are contentious issues.

"These are just those outstanding," said, of the parks and commissions, how the whole council those particular ones.

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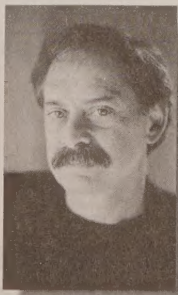
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PECTED ARCHITECT WALTER RATCLIFF JR. designed this Arlington Avenue home in Berkeley. John O. Davis, the collector of customs at the Port of San Francisco.

Ratcliff creation graces Berkeley's Arlington Avenue

DENNIS EVANOSKY

SECTION EDITOR
In 1912, John O. Davis moved to the Port of San Francisco and his wife, Sadie, had a house built on the Central Calaveras Hill with their two children, Hazel and John Jr.

John and Sadie purchased the house in 1912. Ratcliff presented

was then Arlington Road above the City of Berkeley. Julia Morgan had designed the Thomas House next door just a year earlier. Perhaps John found the property particularly attractive because it overlooked San Francisco Bay and the port where he made his living.

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Ratcliff designed the Davis home not for the 19th, but for the 20th century. To stress the departure from the Victorian era, he banished gingerbread by covering exterior almost entirely in stucco.

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Ratcliff

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■ The exaggerated brackets on the master bedroom's balcony recall the Beaux Arts style

■ The downstairs bay window and pronounced bargeboards echo the last of the Victorian-era styles, Queen Anne. The bay window afforded Ratcliff the opportunity to add another second-floor balcony.

Although Ratcliff presented the plans to John and Sadie in December 1912, public records show that John did not record the home with the City until 1916. Perhaps the architect's busy schedule led to some delay.

An architect in demand

Ratcliff's talents had attracted other clients, and in 1913, just as he was about to execute the plans for the Davis home, the City of Berkeley hired him as its architect.

Ratcliff was a member of UC Berkeley's class of 1903, according to Susan Dinkelspiel Cerny in her book *Berkeley Landmarks*. The 24-year-old graduate worked for a time with two renowned Berkeley architects, John Galen Howard and Bernard Maybeck. In 1908, before he had reached the age of 30, the self-assured young man opened his own office.

Cerny discusses 16 of Ratcliff's creations that the City of Berkeley has honored with landmark status. He built two of them while he was busy with the Davis home: the Eiks Club on Alston Way and the Waste and Clarke Apartments on Bancroft Way. In 1917 Ratcliff began a relationship with Mills College in Oakland and by 1935, he had designed many of the campus's major buildings.



PHOTOS BY DENNIS EVANSKY
THE FORMAL DINING ROOM is just off the foyer. Milled redwood and built-in cabinets give the room a decidedly Art and Crafts flavor.

In 1925, he designed Berkeley's first skyscraper, the Chamber of Commerce Building at Shattuck Avenue and Center Street. Three years later, his design — the Mason-McDuffie Building at Shattuck and Addison Street — replaced the old Odd Fellows Hall, the last-standing Victorian-era wooden structure on Berkeley's main thoroughfare.

An Arts and Crafts flavor

Despite his busy schedule, Ratcliff did not disappoint the Davis family. When entering the home, one realizes that the architect has turned to the Arts and Crafts movement to dress its interior. He used distinctive redwood millwork throughout the home.

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He graced the living room with a stone fireplace. He placed built-in buffets in the dining room.

He gave the home a sense of space with an openness that begins with the entry foyer and continues into the living and dining rooms. Ratcliff used the rustic, bold, square styling that sets an Arts and Crafts home apart. Queen Victoria had died 11 years earlier and Ratcliff solidly sets the Davis home in a new era. He banished Victorian-era excesses

like gingerbread and any mixture of inconsistent patterns and style.

He decorated the home with large windows, leaded glass, oak floors and gleaming brass fixtures. The home's first floor includes a foyer, a powder room, a spacious living room with stone fireplace, a cozy library with a tile fireplace, an open kitchen, a formal dining room and a more intimate breakfast room that opens onto a wisteria-covered veranda, a detached garage (where the



AS ONE ENTERS THE HOME, Ratcliff's emphasis on the Arts and Crafts style is immediately evident. Milled redwood and built-in glass draw the eye upward.

Davis family parked a 1910 Chalmers) and a spacious yard.

Upstairs are three bedrooms (Ratcliff identifies one of these as a "sewing room" in his 1912 blueprints), two baths and an artist's studio.

When the current owners added a two-story wing in 1995,

they carefully matched the original architectural style. The attached two-bedroom addition makes an ideal place for guests or extended family. Were Walter Ratcliff, his early 20th-century architect, most 100 years later, he'd be pleased.



WHEN THE CURRENT OWNERS BUILT a one-bedroom, one-bath addition in 1995, they respected and replicated Ratcliff's Arts and Crafts style throughout.

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Features: The home features a den, a living room, a breakfast bar, a breakfast nook, a formal dining room, and a library. A stone wood-burning fireplace graces the living room and tile fireplace warms the library. The home has hardwood floors and wall-to-wall carpeting. There is also a detached garage, and a legal addition has one bedroom, one and one-half baths. The upstairs bedrooms feature San Francisco Bay and Golden Gate Bridge views

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In the Valley of the Quails

In this column, Pat Talbert and I celebrate their 12th anniversary as columnists. Here's to 12 and more. And yes, Pat has written 485 columns or (columns a year.)

number 485 in a series of true stories in real estate.

Just as we will be putting on the beautiful family-size house just around the corner from the Rose Garden.

Although I have driven the route many times over the years, I recently I knew nothing about the Rose Garden or the park. I had heard of it, but I had never been there. I was going to us a written description and history of both, and I was almost 10 acres in all.

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the left, strips of water in the middle, and hills to the right.

Now, in early spring, the roses are just beginning to leaf out so are not blooming color yet, but the scene is appealing. Tennis players move across the courts lopping and retrieving balls, and people slowly walk along the paths to the lower part of the garden where the creek comes out above ground.

Until the mid-1970s when the city purchased it, this land was owned by various water companies, writes Enrique Zambrano for the neighborhood group, Los Amigos de Cordoncines, in the notes given to me. There used to be a craftsman style clubhouse in the park designed by Maybeck who lived nearby and who personally helped construct the building in about 1902.

The clubhouse, with its large stone fireplace and rock terraces, was used for theatrical and social events including weekly evening dances and parties, and for weddings. There were also, in the park picnic areas, cookouts and fireside singalongs. But by the 1960s, the facilities were being used less and less, the clubhouse had been vandalized and so condemned and torn down in the early 1970s.

It is unfortunate that what must have been a beautiful building is gone, but much remains, or has been developed since, in the park. There is a children's playground with swings and climbing structures and a toy trolley like the ones that once ran on Euclid Avenue. There

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The park area is protected by lovely large trees and other greenery and, although I have not explored them myself, Mr. Zambrano describes hiking trails including at least one that used to lead to an old quarry, now La Loma Park.

In the old days, mules and horses traveled this route on Old Quarry Road to bring stone down to build walls and other structures in the park, and likely, to other property in the area.

I've driven past La Loma Park on a semi-circular turn on Spruce Street many times, but never guessed that it was once the site of a quarry. Now that I know, I'll look at it differently, just as I do the former Leona Quarry in Oakland, picturing men dressed in black hats and cotton shirts, their pants held up with suspenders driving heavily loaded wooden wagons downhill.

The Rose Garden and tennis courts were completed in 1937, a WPA project. Until the late 1950s, the garden was the scene of various festivities such as the one named Rose Week.

Every year on Mother's Day, a Berkeley mother was chosen Rose Mother of the year.

When the garden was first planted, planned by a local rose society, the roses were arranged by color: the top terrace in red, the next in bronze roses, then yellow, with white flowers at the bottom.

The most fascinating feature of all to me is the tunnel that runs under Euclid Avenue connecting the

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Tarpoff

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rose garden with the park. I have not been in the tunnel but I am sure I remember playing in such a tunnel when I was a kid, not in Berkeley but in Oakland at Montclair Park. My son tells me that I'm wrong, that there is no tunnel in Montclair. But he knows the one at Cordor-

nices. He went there with his dad and recalls riding his bike through the tunnel after first getting up speed on a slope on the park side.

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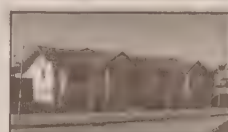
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Rates as of 3/15/05													
Ally.com	30-yr Fixed	5.500	0.375	30-yr Fxd Jumbo	5.875	0.125	15-yr Fixed	5.125	0.125	5/1 ARM Jumbo	5.125	0.125	Direct Lender * Guaranteed Rates & Fees Apply & Lock 24/7 * Open Sat/Sun 8-4 PT
4411-4246	5.567	0.30	5.917	0.30	5.268	0.30	5.417	0.30					
Bank of America	30-yr Fxd Jumbo	5.750	0.000	30-yr Fxd Jumbo	5.750	0.000	3/1 ARM	4.875	0.000	5/1 ARM	5.125	0.000	No closing costs loans available
0308662	5.804	0.30	5.770	0.30	4.843	0.35	5.591	0.30	5.125	0.000	5.579	0.30	www.amerisave.com. Best rates and lowest fees guaranteed or we pay you \$300!
Bank of America	30-yr Fixed	5.500	0.1000	30-yr Fxd Jumbo	5.750	0.1000	1st Time Buyer 30	4.375	0.1000	1st Time Buyer 5/1	3.750	0.1000	1ST TIME BUYER 30 yr. fix @ 4.375%...
6300-3100	5.680	0.35	5.887	0.35	4.943	0.35	5.912	0.35	3.912	0.35			*1st TIME BUYER 30 YR. FIX after Fed Subsidy, income & price limits. 100% OK
Bank of America	30-yr Fixed	5.375	0.1500	30-yr Fxd Jumbo	5.625	0.1000	5/1 ARM Jumbo	5.375	0.000	3/1 ARM Jumbo	5.000	0.000	100% Home Financing Programs up to 1 MIL Interest 10% to 2 MILs, 6 MOS, 3/1, 5/1
0118696	5.621	0.30	5.786	0.30	5.424	0.30	5.048	0.30	5.048	0.30			180 Days Loan, NEW Construction Home PURS
Bank of America	30-yr Fixed	5.500	0.2000	30-yr Fxd Jumbo	5.800	0.0000	15-yr Fixed	5.000	0.2000	5/1 ARM Jumbo	5.000	0.2000	FAST APRVL, MARCH SPECIAL AN APRASL FEE
0714-8280	5.744	0.30	6.029	0.30	5.237	0.30	5.202	0.30	5.202	0.30			BAD CREDIT & BANKRUPTCY OK, HOME EQUITY LN
Bank of America	30-yr Fixed	5.500	0.1000	30-yr Fxd Jumbo	5.625	0.1375	3/1 ARM Jumbo	5.000	0.1375	5/1 ARM Jumbo	5.000	0.1375	OPEN SATSUN, STATED OR NO INCOME LOANS
0908-3339	5.639	0.30	5.775	0.30	4.641	0.30	5.145	0.30	5.145	0.30			AVAILABLE CREDIT PROBLEMS O.K
Bank of America	30-yr Fixed	5.500	0.1000	30-yr Fxd Jumbo	5.625	0.1375	3/1 ARM Jumbo	5.000	0.1375	5/1 ARM Jumbo	5.000	0.1375	NO POINTS LOANS AVAILABLE
0307055	5.639	0.30	5.775	0.30	4.641	0.30	5.145	0.30	5.145	0.30			
Bank of America	30-yr Fixed	5.500	0.1000	30-yr Fxd Jumbo	5.625	0.1375	3/1 ARM Jumbo	5.000	0.1375	5/1 ARM Jumbo	5.000	0.1375	FREE pre-approval, Refinance/2nd homes.
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Bank of America	30-yr Fixed	5.500	0.1000	30-yr Fxd Jumbo	5.625	0.1375	3/1 ARM Jumbo	5.000	0.1375	5/1 ARM Jumbo	5.000	0.1375	10 day purchase close, Call, 888-903-9886
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Bank of America	30-yr Fixed	5.500	0.1000	30-yr Fxd Jumbo	5.625	0.1375	3/1 ARM Jumbo	5.000	0.1375	5/1 ARM Jumbo	5.000	0.1375	100%Financing, No Income Verif. Avail.
0144-3400	5.639	0.30	5.775	0.30	4.641	0.30	5.145	0.30	5.145	0.30			1yr-ARM 1.0-700K+233.500K+1666/mo
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0144-3400	5.639	0.30	5.775	0.30	4.641	0.30	5.145	0.30	5.145	0.30			Interest Only Loans/BK OK
Bank of America	30-yr Fixed	5.500	0.1000	30-yr Fxd Jumbo	5.625	0.1375	3/1 ARM Jumbo	5.000	0.1375	5/1 ARM Jumbo	5.000	0.1375	
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0144-3400	5.639	0.30	5.775	0.30	4.641	0.30	5.145	0.30	5.145	0.30			Income Check Loans! 1st or 2nd Mortgage
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WHO?

■ Speaking of the museum series, the "Then And Now" slide show and lecture is underwritten by Realtor **Janelle Spatz** of Bayside Real Estate. Spatz is also a board member of the Alameda Architectural Preservation Society.

■ Office Manager **Bev Muncer** of Coldwell Banker Oakland-Piedmont announced a new team member. Muncer welcomes Sales Associate **Leslie Wei**. She will specialize in residential sales in Alameda, Emeryville, Oakland and Piedmont. Welcome her at 510-339-4700.

■ Doesn't it always seem that the most successful folks are the busiest? Mortgage Consultant **Kim McGuire Reid** of Jetstream Mortgage was elected the 2005 Treasurer of the Women's Council of Realtors East Bay Chapter. She's reachable at 510-444-2165.

WHAT?

I'll announce your news item in this column if you send it to me. Information deadline is two weeks before the event. Send an email to bobbierid@mindspring.com. Fax your info to me at 510-441-7191.

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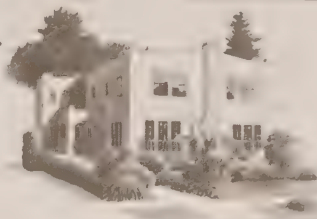
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of this and other current listings

A sampling of our current listings:

	Maxwell Park 2 bedroom, 1 bath with renovated kitchen with island, granite counters, cherry wood cabinets and new appliances. 1-car garage and large, fenced backyard. Views to the south and southwest. \$450,000
	Richmond View Two new construction 3 bedroom, 2 bath family homes at the top of the hill, overlooking Wildcat Regional Park. Open plan kitchens. \$629,000 each
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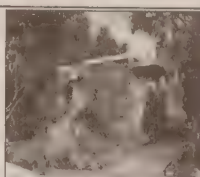
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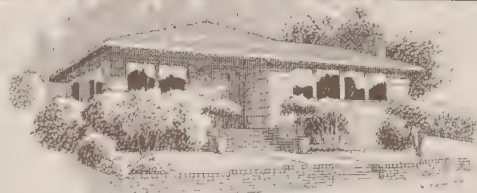
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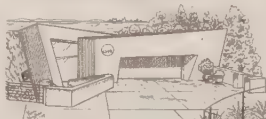
Richmond \$512,000
2 BR 2 BA 1/2 BA up and 2 BD/1 BA down
unit. Lower unit tenant occupied.
BART and trans.
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Oakland \$495,900
3 BR 2 BA View View View! Unique bay
view home w/lrg lot & garage.
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Marcel District \$489,000
Bungalow charm with built ins & frpl.
bath and bath on main level. 3 rooms
bath downstairs. On a lg lot with
wonderful gardens.
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Oakland \$329,000
3 BR 2 BA Move right into this
charming starter w/ huge backyard.
Updated kitchen w/ granite
countertops, and updated bathroom.
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OPEN HOUSES



Oakland \$1,950,000
6343 Skyline Blvd. Sun 2 - 4:30
4 BR 3.5 BA Open flr plan, granite
counters, quality materials & crafts-
manship used. 3 levels w/bay views.
Kim & Barbara Marienthal
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Piedmont \$1,695,000
65 Wyngaard Avenue Sun 2 - 4:30
4 BR 3.5 BA Traditional w/great
architectural details, great in-outdoor
living, sunny back yard.
Dian Hymer
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Berkeley \$1,175,000
2877 Shasta Rd. Sat/Sun 2 - 4:30
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FDR, FP, EIK, HDWD floors, Tranquil
& Sophisticated!
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Berkeley \$859,000
693 Hilldale Ave. Sun 2 - 4:30
3 BR 2 BA Berkeley Hills Retreat! New
listing with mid-century flair! Open flr
plan, deck & garden.
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Piedmont Side of Montclair \$1,249,000
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202-206 Orange, Triplex Sun 2 - 4:30
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3 BR 3 BA All level w/ 2 fnd yds, chefs
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qtrs/office fam rm off kit.
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Upper Rockridge \$789,000
5885 Chabot Court Sat/Sun 2 - 4:30
2 BR 2 BA Convenient location.
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built-ins, wood details & HW flrs
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Nancy Maloney
510.339.4700



Montclair \$749,000
10 Larry Lane Sun 2 - 4:30
3 BR 2 BA Great fix-up potential! 3+
bedrm on 1 level. Large lot, great
outdoors, updated kitchen.
Joan Duffield
510.339.4700



Lincoln Heights \$678,500
2617 Alida Street Sun 2 - 5
3 BR 2 BA Sweeping SF/Bay view, garden
w/rose arbor, 2 fp, fam rm, storage &
garage. Nu paint, crpt, hwd.
Rachel Baller
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Oakland \$649,500
1015 M L King Jr. Way Sun 1 - 4
4 BR 2 BA Large and elegant duplex in the
Preservation Park area of Oakland.
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Jude Haukom
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OPEN HOUSES



Crocker Highlands \$600,000
967 Grosvenor Place Sat/Sun 2 - 5
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Confusing cacti: Christmas, Thanksgiving or spring?

Q. I have two Christmas cacti or zygocactus sitting side by side in front of a window that gets morning sun. One blooms faithfully every Christmas, while the other never does. Instead, it blooms in the spring or later. What do I need to do to get it to bloom at Christmas? Also, will placing it in a dark location prior to Christmas help?

non-blooming plant may not be a true Christmas cactus but instead a spring-flowering variety. They both have bright red flowers.

For years, Thanksgiving and Christmas cacti have been referred to as zygocactus and the spring blooming or Easter variety as schlumbergera. Some time ago, the people that classified plants botanically changed their names. However, the plant label makers have not caught up with the changes; hence, there is a lot of confusion as to what is what.

To be absolutely correct, zygocactus are actually schlumbergera and schlumbergera are now rhipsalidopsis.

The word zygocactus is used to merely describe the manner in which the joints are connected and is of no taxonomical importance.

There is another major difference between the species. The Thanksgiving and Christmas varieties bloom

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A. It's not necessary to place a Christmas cactus in a dark location for flowering. You induce the formation of flower buds by reducing the water by 50 percent and the temperature by moving the plant to the coolest room you have in October or early November.

Once the buds are visible, return the plant to the window and resume the regular watering schedule. But I don't believe, this will solve your problem as the

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3907 Randolph Avenue, Oakland
Offered at \$629,000

This sophisticated 2 bedroom/1 bath Craftsman is situated on one of Glenview's most coveted tree-lined streets. Built in 1918, this home boasts charming architectural details that reflect the style and craftsmanship of that time. Wonderful private outdoor space with level lawn and mature gardens. Ideal location for commutes and access to the village shops of Glenview.

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NEW LISTING
OPEN SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 1-5PM



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Offered at \$499,000

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\$995,000
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REDWOOD HEIGHTS
4509 ELINORA AVE.
\$719,000
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3907 RANDOLPH AVE
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(Open 2-5)
New Listing! Sophisticated 2BR/1BA Craftsman on coveted tree-lined street. Charming architectural details. Wonderful private outdoor space with level lawn & mature gardens. Convenient location. Christian Downer x1340



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3401-03 DAKOTA ST.
\$495,000
(Open 2-5)
New Listing! Well maintained legal side-by-side duplex on cul-de-sac. Both 1BR/1BA art deco style units with hardwood floors, large rooms, detached garage and lovely yard. Lee Jacobson x1319



LAUREL
4309 TERRABELLAWAY
\$1,350,000
Victorian close to Gourmet Ghetto. Beautifully restored and upgraded. Wonderful pieces, some views. Three ++ bedrooms, two baths. Jack McPhail x1336 & Mary Hall x1350

OAKLAND
4309 TERRABELLAWAY
\$949,000
Dazzling 4-bridge views! Chic 4BR/3BA Mediterranean. Master retreat w/fireplace & deck. Kitchen/family room combo. Formal dining, decks, yard & extra developable space. Sandi Klemmer x1314 & Dick Cohen x1308

OAKLAND HILLS
4616 REDWOOD RD.
\$699,000
Stunning, tri-level Mediterranean style townhouse. Wooded views. Secluded flagstone patio. 3BR/2.5BA including large master suite w/designer master bath. Maple hardwood floors, formal dining, slate fireplace. Many upgrades. Roselee Woods x1324

LAUREL
4420 HYACINTH AVE.
\$539,000
(Open 2-5)
Charming 2BR/1BA home on desirable street. Spacious eat-in kitchen with adjoining laundry room. Attached garage. Wonderful rear and side yards with lovely mature landscaping and patio area. Diane E. McCan x1352



LAUREL
3650 MAPLE AVE.
\$525,000
Cheerful 3BR/2BA bungalow. Elegant rooms with generous light. Dining room with coved ceilings & decorative shelves, secluded office, 1-car garage. Backyard with flagstone patio and garden. David Ichikawa x1331

GLENVIEW
4050 EVERETT AVE.
\$469,000
Unique 2BR/1.5BA condominium in the heart of the Glenview district. Open living room & dining area, fireplace, 2 decks with wooded hill views, 1-car garage, laundry and storage. Sandi Klemmer x1314



OAKLAND HILLS
6026 GRAND VIEW DR.
\$1,150,000
Stylish contemporary southwestern home towering redwoods. Unique & creative use of old & new materials & styles. Built for entertaining, with two fireplaces on the main level, gourmet kitchen. Tom Nemeth x1381

RIDGEMONT
6026 RIDGEMONT DR.
\$925,000
Soaring ceilings & a dramatic 2-story dining room. 4BR/3BA, including a first floor bedroom & bath. Eat-in kitchen, family room with fireplace & level backyard. Peek of the bay. Joanna Hirsch x1366



PIEDMONT AVENUE
4117-4119 HOWE ST.
\$645,000
Elegant 1911 Craftsman duplex. Each spacious unit has 2BR/1BA. Gorgeous architectural details, built-ins, leaded glass windows. Updated kitchens. Near Piedmont Avenue shops and restaurants. Joan Dark x1316

OAKLAND
655 12TH ST. #401
\$499,000
(Open 1-5)
New Listing! Views of Downtown and the Berkeley hills! 2BR/2BA corner unit with soaring ceilings & many windows. Updated kitchen, secure car & bike parking, laundry in unit. Jennie A. Flanigan x1354

LAUREL
3856 HIGH ST.
\$419,000
New Listing! 1+BR/1BA home with separate cottage. Sunny and artsy with high ceiling and loft, sunroom, updated kitchen, deck and magical garden leading up to the cottage with deck in rear. Lee Jacobson x1319

LAKE LAKE
3929 LYMAN RD.
\$1,050,000
(Open Sat & Sun)
2.5pm. Stately 4+BR/2BA traditional w/finished formal living & dining room. Upstairs master bedroom w/sitting room. Private back patio; side rose garden. Great location. Nicholas x1319 & Keith Tollas x1382

OAKMORE
3929 LYMAN RD.
\$799,000
New Listing! Lovely 3+BR/3BA traditional split level. Gleaming hardwood floors, majestic wood burning fireplace & updated eat-in kitchen. Spacious family room opens out to outdoor kitchen & patio. In-law unit. Michelle Vasey x1359

TEMESCAL
358 49TH ST.
\$499,000
New Listing! Two one bedroom units in the heart of popular Temescal neighborhood. Hardwood floors, fireplace in one unit, fenced yard. Close to Temescal and College Avenue shops and restaurants. Todd Ensley x1377

OAKLAND
720 CANYON OAKS DR. #B
\$299,000
New Listing! All level living with 2 patios, Pergo floors, beautifully updated with in-unit washer & dryer. Views of the hills & trees. Minutes from the community swimming pool and hot tub. Kathy Flynn x1317

By Appointment

PIEDMONT
\$1,295,000
This spacious home is situated on a quiet cul-de-sac and offers beautiful hill views in a private setting. Recently remodeled, it provides a convenient floor plan with five bedrooms, three baths, and a fabulous kitchen. Georgia Cornell x1325

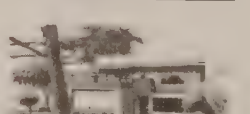
ROCKRIDGE
\$589,000
This quintessential Rockridge bungalow abounds with traditional architectural detail. Newer kitchen & bath, featuring a wonderful Wedgewood stove & claw foot tub. Newly fenced & landscaped garden/patio. Super location! Steven Biasatti x1379

RIDGEMONT
\$1,280,000
Prime lot with inspirational Bay & SF views. Secluded 1/2+ acre parcel located at the end of a cul-de-sac. Spectacular home design by Phillip Perkins. Minutes to Highway 13. David Ichikawa x1331

LAUREL
\$399,000
Charming, spacious 3BR/1.5BA home. Sunny, large living room, cute eat-in kitchen, large rumpus room, "plus" room, great workshop, hardwood floors & nice yard. 1st time on market in 45 years. Vicki Woodhead x1334



UPPER ROCKRIDGE
\$1,695,000
Chic contemporary in desirable neighborhood. Under construction; spring completion. Sophisticated design with high ceilings. Generous spaces with plenty of natural light. 4BR, 3.5BA, office. David Ichikawa x1331



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Classic 1948 Streamlined Moderne house in Piedmont Pines. 3+BR/2.5BA, beautiful hardwood floors, new master bath, filtered bay view. Available in mid-April. Kathleen Callahan x1343

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371 Hollister Av - \$744,000
50 Rutland Ct - \$662,000
2837 San Jose Av - \$690,000
2101 Shoreline 448 - \$475,000
1305 Webster Ct 205 - \$230,000

ALBANY

907 Carmel Av - \$856,000
555 Pierce 1308 - \$395,000

BERKELEY

1401 Acton Crescent 2 - \$590,000
1400 Ashby Av - \$500,000
2332 California St - \$650,000
524 Cragmont Av - \$500,000
920 Cragmont Av - \$800,000
2728 Grant St - \$650,000
2027 Hearst Av - \$550,000
952 Hilldale Av - \$820,000
70 Northgate Av - \$486,000
2530 Regent St - \$750,000
28 Vallejo St - \$792,000

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708 Albernarle St - \$550,000
1631 Arlington Bl - \$920,000
7002 Carol Ct - \$565,500
1932 Key Bl - \$440,000
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1531 Regency Ct - \$1,100,000
512 Richmond St - \$555,000
7992 Terrace Dr - \$714,000

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206 Applan Village Dr - \$486,000
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1121 40th St 4203 - \$305,000
1121 40th St 4305 - \$328,000
1121 40th St 4307 - \$322,000
1121 40th St 4308 - \$343,000
4 Captain Dr 208E - \$299,500
6363 Christie Av 1822 - \$435,000
6363 Christie Av 602 - \$305,000
7 Commodore A260 - \$219,000
1500 Park Av 109 - \$505,000

OAKLAND

490 105th Av B - \$375,000
2159 106th Av - \$385,000
2701 106th Av - \$395,000
2508 109th Av - \$400,000
1838 12th Av - \$529,000
1515 14th Av 405 - \$285,000
1620 17th St - \$475,000
1744 26th Av - \$370,500
439 43rd St - \$676,000
519 43rd St - \$450,000
2110 47th Av - \$341,000
1264 60th Av - \$420,000
2501 63rd Av - \$348,000
2532 63rd Av - \$380,000
928 63rd St - \$377,000
1110 71st Av - \$302,000
1425 72nd Av - \$420,000
1260 83rd Av - \$640,000
1272 84th Av - \$210,000
1037 88th Av - \$360,000
1715 88th Av - \$330,000
1926 90th Av - \$350,000
2034 90th Av - \$375,000
5911 Adeline St - \$348,000
805 Apgar St - \$275,000
7800 Arthur St - \$370,000
1466 Auseon Av - \$385,000
10711 Bancroft Av - \$412,000
2870 Birdsall Av - \$250,000
315 Bowman Ct - \$479,500
317 Bowman Ct - \$485,500
697 Brockhurst St - \$352,000
220 Caldecott 109 - \$379,000
5679 Carberry Av - \$732,000

Buzz

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with short days and long nights while the spring variety needs long days and short nights to bloom. The schlumbergia truncatus blooms closer to Thanksgiving while the schlumbergia bridgesii is the Christmas cactus. It gets very confusing. My suggestion is to purchase a new Christmas cactus next year and enjoy that other one whenever it blooms.

Q. I have a fast-growing privet tree on a fence line. When I moved in five years ago, it was a manageable 12 feet but now it has grown to over 20 feet high. The trunk is about 10 inches around. If it grows 2 more inches, I think the tree will win over the fence. Is there anyway to stunt the growth or should I remove it?

A. There are no practical ways to stunt the growth of a privet tree other than manually trimming the canopy. You can shear it back severely before the flush of spring growth.

However, the trunk will continue to expand. It will be a judgment call on your part whether or not to take the tree down. Since it's on the property line, it's now considered a boundary tree so it doesn't necessarily have to be removed. If the fence will be replaced in the next five to seven years, I'd leave the tree alone and then build the new fence around it.

Buzz Bertolero is Executive Vice President of Navlet's Garden Centers and a California Certified Nursery Professional. His web address is www.dirtgardener.com and you can send questions by email at dirtgardener@aol.com or to 380 Civic Drive Ste. D, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.


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452 Creighton - \$710,000
480 Crescent St - \$485,000
3015 Dakota St - \$499,000
3714 East 12th St - \$355,000
908 East 18th St - \$568,000
9793 Elmview Dr - \$305,000
6635 Elverson Dr - \$1,385,000
6833 Elverson Dr - \$1,200,000
6672 Exeter Dr - \$1,090,000
4340 Fleming Av - \$550,000
2933 Florida St - \$640,000
989 Franklin St 318 - \$480,000
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801 Franklin St - \$290,000
3880 Fruitvale Av - \$600,000
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341 Hunter Av - \$345,000
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1 Lakeside Dr 806 - \$397,500
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6630 MacArthur 2 - \$185,000
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2029 Myrtle St - \$425,000
4101 Oak Hill Rd - \$600,000
311 Oak St 702 - \$460,000
407 Orange St 201 - \$296,000
233 Orange St 304 - \$275,000

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10515 Royal Ann - \$260,000
5436 Ruth Av - \$445,000
884 Santa Ray Av - \$800,000
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24 Saroni Ct - \$1,210,000
5501 Scoville St - \$390,000
63 Sereno Cr - \$595,000
6689 Skyline Bl - \$1,675,000
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7535 Sunkist Dr - \$570,000
1232 Sunnyhills Rd - \$1,600,000
6425 Sunnymere Av - \$545,000
60 Tate Tr - \$1,100,000
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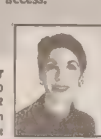


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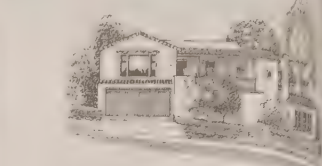
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734 Cragmont Ave. in the Berkeley Hills

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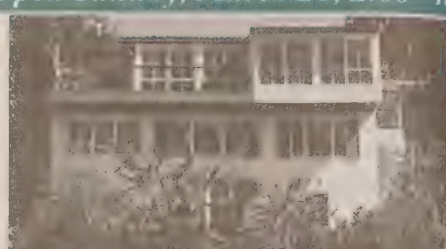
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2210 Los Angeles Ave., Berkeley
Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:30
New listing! Numerous windows & doors in this large, spacious traditional create a cheerful & light interior. 4+ bedrooms on upper floor, 1 bedroom on main floor & 2 plus rooms downstairs, with a bathroom on each level. The charming covered entrance porch & set back from the street enhance the privacy. Close to Solano Ave. & the "Gourmet Ghetto".
Norah Brower 524-9888 x26 \$919,000

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New listing! This lovely Medit.-style home provides glorious views of the Golden Gate, S.F., & the Bay. Recently painted inside and out, it features 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, updated kitchen, large fam. rm w/French doors leading to garden, hwd floors, liv. rm w/frpl, formal dining rm, studio/project rm, 1-car gar., expansive terraced & fenced back garden w/abundant fruit trees & blooming perennials; convenient to all the best urban amenities.
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Denise Milburn 524-9888 x35 \$519,000

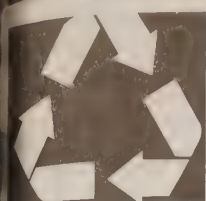
1100 Harrison, Berkeley
Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:00
New listing! A little house for the romantic buyer! Friendly front porch, living room, formal dining room, one bedroom, one bath, french kitchen, back porch leading to back yard & garage.
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By Appointment
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 890 Bissell Ct - \$332,000
 1400 Brickyard 108 - \$580,000
 1400 Brickyard 213 - \$478,500
 1400 Brickyard 408 - \$688,500
 1105 Brookside Av - \$395,000
 2560 Duke Av - \$510,000
 3615 Florida Av - \$412,000
 616 Griffin Dr - \$365,000
 2433 Groveview Ct - \$395,000
 1519 Hellings Av - \$330,000
 801 Humboldt St - \$800,000
 6208 Huntington Av - \$865,000
 766 Kern St - \$500,500
 5430 Lenora Rd - \$697,000
 3233 Lowell Av - \$370,000
 666 McLaughlin St - \$417,000
 807 Meadow View - \$748,000
 1509 Nevins Plz - \$276,000
 2707 Ohio Av - \$314,500
 1301 Quarry Ct 208 - \$505,000
 2425 Rheem Av - \$370,000
 3108 Rheem Av - \$395,000
 1919 San Mateo St - \$600,000
 250 Sanford Av - \$360,000
 258 Sanford Av - \$70,000
 5017 Santa Rita Rd - \$635,000
 203 Seaciff Wy - \$789,000
 205 Seaciff Wy - \$780,000
 153 South 20th St - \$350,000
 355 South 20th St - \$312,000

SAN LEANDRO

1136 Adason Dr - \$476,000
 1185 Alder Creek Cr - \$700,000
 2062 Altamont Rd - \$442,000
 14762 Bancroft Av - \$430,000
 1293 Brown Ct - \$400,000
 295 California Av - \$456,000
 1110 Devonshire Av - \$500,000
 14115 Doolittle Dr - \$305,000
 15068 Endicott St - \$430,000
 14705 Fisk Ct - \$520,000
 16014 Gramercy Dr - \$460,000
 2070 Joan Dr - \$365,000
 1320 Margery Av - \$474,000
 1490 Plaza Dr - \$405,000
 2414 Prosperity Wy - \$674,000
 859 Rodney Dr - \$611,000
 1367 Sayre St - \$410,000
 1643 Thrush Av - \$388,500
 2164 Trombas Av - \$480,000
 2275 West Av 133rd - \$480,000
 14925 Western Av - \$450,000
 14977 Western Av - \$440,000

SAN LORENZO

1336 Culver Pl - \$365,000
 624 Empire St - \$487,000
 251 Loma Verde Dr - \$325,000
 15953 Via Alamos - \$420,000
 1655 Via Helena - \$506,000

By the numbers

ALAMEDA

TOTAL SALES: 9
 LOWEST PRICE: \$230,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$744,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$650,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$557,833

ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 2
 LOWEST PRICE: \$395,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$856,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$625,500

BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 11
 LOWEST PRICE: \$486,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$820,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$650,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$644,364

EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 8
 LOWEST PRICE: \$325,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,100,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$565,500
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$646,188

EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 2
 LOWEST PRICE: \$486,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$531,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$508,500

EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 9
 LOWEST PRICE: \$219,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$505,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$322,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$340,167

OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 93
 LOWEST PRICE: \$185,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,675,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$412,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$528,489

RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 35
 LOWEST PRICE: \$70,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$865,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$412,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$470,200

SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 22
 LOWEST PRICE: \$305,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$700,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$456,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$468,023

SAN LORENZO

TOTAL SALES: 5
 LOWEST PRICE: \$325,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$506,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$420,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$420,600

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LAFAYETTE

\$1,475,000



Tuscan Villa

Mediterranean-style expanded and remodeled home. This elegant 4+bd/3ba home offers 3200+/-sf of living space on 0.61+/-ac lot. Large creek-side lot with lawn area, redwood decking and entertainment areas.

BERKELEY

\$1,399,000



Sweeping Bay Views

Traditional 4000+/-sf, 6bd/3ba, North Berkeley home. Located near Solano Avenue. There's a little refreshing needed to the property. Remodeling plans are available. Great location and great opportunity.

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Beautifully updated 5bd/3ba home in nearly 2568+/-sf. This light and bright home features a granite kitchen and spacious master suite. The lot is over three-quarters of an acre with mature trees and spectacular views.

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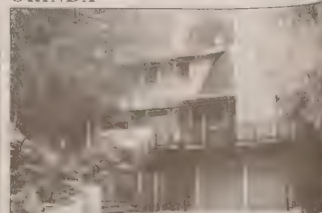


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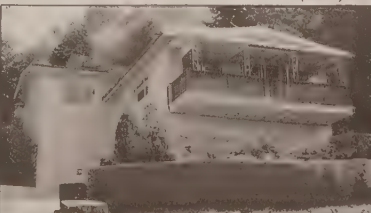


Tahoe Tranquility In Orinda

Super clean and bright chalet-style 3bd/2ba. Lots of updates, wraparound deck, 2-car garage plus carport. Serene and private on 0.67+/- acres. Close to town, freeway and BART. Don't miss this great opportunity.

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Montclair Traditional

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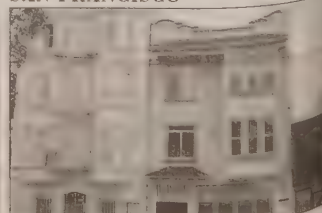


Montclair Mid-Century Modern

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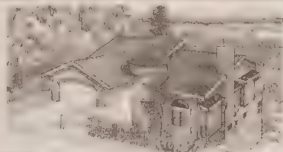
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811 YORK #111 \$489,000
Adams Point. Rare two level +1500 sq.ft. remodeled kitchen and bathroom. Maple built-ins in LR/DR area. Uniquely situated between Grand Ave and Lakeshore shopping. Antoine Pirson 531-7000 x270



1332 PERALTA AVENUE \$479,000
Berkeley. Charming, sun-filled 3BD/1BA cottage near gourmet area! Living rm w/ picture window & fireplace, hwd floors, 2-car detached garage, large level yard, close to shopping, restaurants, coffee shops & BART. Elisa Uribe 531-7000 x272

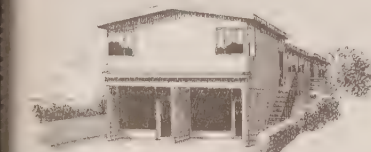
UNFINISHED WAREHOUSE \$899,000
Great opportunity for small business or line work conversion. East Oakland, near airport. Anne Bruff 531-7006 x283

JACK LONDON SQUARE \$795,000
Victorian office building close to Jack London Square. One stable tenant and one vacancy for owner user. Anne Bruff 531-7006 x283

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LOT WITH EXPIRED PLANS \$199,000
Montclair upslope lot. Plans expired 2 yrs for 3300 sq.ft. home. Sale includes plans & reports. Cash sale. No owner financing. Frank Hennefer 531-7000 x235

MONTCLAIR DOWNSLOPE LOT \$199,000
Utilities located in street. Soil report available. Financing available to qualified buyer. Call for map. Frank Hennefer 531-7000 x235



945 HIGH STREET \$750,000
Redwood Heights. New listing! Mixed-use building in Redwood Heights. Excellent location. Two retail units and 3 apartments with off street parking and lots of upgrades throughout. Beth DeAtley 531-7006 x234



762 SANTA RAY AVENUE \$575,000
Crocker Highlands. Enchanting 3BD/1BA, living room with fireplace, formal dining room, updated eat-in kitchen, updated bath, plus room, patio, yards and greenhouse. Stan Hammond 531-7000 x246

360 VERNON STREET #216 \$190,000
Adams Point. Studio, many upgrades include Corian kitchen sink and counter, granite vanity in bath, tile floors in kitchen and bath, newer appliances, new Berber carpet & fresh paint. Near all public transportation. Patsy Buhler 531-7000 x238

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609 Santa Fe Avenue Open 1-4



BERKELEY - NEW! \$975,000
2 HOUSES - A 5/2 two-story shingled Craftsman and a 2/1 shingled Craftsman cottage on one deep lot. Attractively landscaped, good location close to Berkeley Bowl, BART & UC.
2148 & 2148 1/2 Stuart St. Open 2-4:30



OAKLAND - NEW! \$695,000
2/1 - Awesome eat-in kitchen plus 3 rooms and non-conforming kitchen & bath on lower level, glorious gardens. Close to Royal coffee, BART. Photos at www.justsellmyhouse.com.
445 62nd Street Open 2-4:30



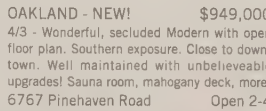
OAKLAND \$695,000
3+1/2 - Wonderful two story Craftsman in heart of Rockridge. Updated kitchen & bath, hardwood & Douglas fir floors, 1,725 sq. ft. of living space, front & rear yards, more!
6008 Auburn Avenue Open 2-4:30



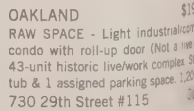
BERKELEY \$399,000
2+1 - Sunny, spacious California bungalow with architectural details & loads of charm. In need of some TLC but well worth it! Large country kitchen, wood floors, hot tub & more!
3409 California Street Open 2-4



BERKELEY - NEW! \$345,000
2/1 - Modern Victorian style condo. Front unit with parking. Close to shops, transportation & freeway access. Staged by Scout.
2018-B 9th Street Open 2-4



OAKLAND - NEW! \$949,000
4/3 - Wonderful, secluded Modern with open floor plan. Southern exposure. Close to downtown. Well maintained with unbelievable upgrades! Sauna room, mahogany deck, more!
6767 Pinehaven Road Open 2-4



OAKLAND \$1,995,000
RAW SPACE - Light industrial/commercial condo with roll-up door (Not a live unit). 43-unit historic live/work complex. 1,200 sq. ft. tub & 1 assigned parking space. 1,200 sq. ft. of living space.
730 29th Street #115 Open 2-4:30



BERKELEY \$779,000
3/2 - Come home to this classic Craftsman on a great street in the heart of North Berkeley. More info at www.heidiandjerry.com.
1112 Fresno Avenue Open 2-4



KENSINGTON \$659,000
2/1 - Spectacular home in quiet and serene setting atop Tilden Park with Canyon views. Vaulted ceilings, fabulous gourmet kitchen.
268 Los Altos Drive Open 2-4



OAKLAND - NEW! \$485,000
2/1 - Sparkling Mediterranean, close to Head Royce school, move-in condition, hardwood floors, formal dining room, and nice, level yard.
4164 Lincoln Avenue Open 2-4:30



OAKLAND \$329,000
2/2 - Spacious, completely renovated ground up! No expense spared. More! Clear Pest! More!
760 55th Street Open 2-4:30



BERKELEY \$349,000
1/1 - Tastefully updated condo in top floor corner of a 6-unit Traditional building. Remodeled kitchen and bath. Convenient location.
1825 Vine Street #5 Open 2-4



KENSINGTON \$799,000
4/1.5 - Breathtaking views of San Francisco and the Golden Gate from this wonderful brown shingle. In-law, garage, off-street parking.
414 Beloit Avenue Open 2-4



OAKLAND \$145,000
COMMERCIAL - Retail commercial space in 43-unit historic live/work complex. Soundproofing in ceiling, sink, more. (Not a live unit)
730 29th Street #113 Open 2-4



OAKLAND \$329,000
1/1 - Wonderful end-unit live/work unit in historic 43-unit complex with painted wood floors, updated bath, secure parking, more!
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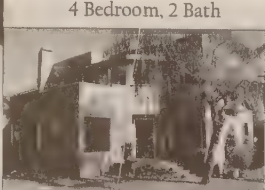
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This 1950s El Cerrito Hills home boasts fantastic Golden Gate views, three bedrooms and two baths, deck and low-maintenance yard. Original owner.
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Charming Craftsman duplex on a large level lot. Bright 2+ bedroom, 1 bath home and an adorable attached studio unit. Original leaded glass built-ins, box beam ceiling, wainscoting, gorgeous oak floors. Beautifully remodeled eat-in kitchen open to a sunny deck and garden with fruit trees.
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Three bedroom, 2.5 bath home in great location on corner lot. Sunny living room with fireplace, formal dining room, kitchen with breakfast nook. Freshly painted interior, refinished hardwood floors, laundry room. Two-car garage w/breezeway to house. Great floor plan for entertaining!
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Adorable Craftsman Bungalow near Tenney tennis courts, and Solano Avenue shops. It has it all! 2 bedrooms, a large living room, room perfect for entertaining, charming kitchen & built-ins, kitchen with breakfast nook, huge rear yard. Plus a separate home office.
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 Median Sales Price 2004*

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SPORTS

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Section C

St. Mary's faces Campbell Hall for CIF title

By Phil Jensen
STAFF WRITER

The St. Mary's High School boys basketball team faced a road test at the end of the first quarter of their California Interscholastic Federation Division IV Northern regional semifinal game with Valley Christian-San Jose on March 10.

The Panthers trailed 22-5, but an important decision was made. "We were in the huddle, and I said, 'This game is not over yet,'" St. Mary's coach Manny Nodar said.

St. Mary's outscored Valley Christian 22-13 in the second quarter and eventually won the game 70-56. On Saturday, the

Panthers advanced to the CIF Division IV state championship game with a 66-42 victory over Marin Catholic-Kentfield.

The Panthers will play Campbell Hall-North Hollywood at 11:15 a.m. on Saturday at Arco Arena in Sacramento.

"We've been confident the whole season," Nodar said. "We've never lost our confidence."

The Panthers won the Bay Shore Athletic League title with a 58-50 victory over Salesian in the BSAL playoff championship game on Feb. 26.

St. Mary's lost to Marin Catholic 57-52 in the North Coast Section Division IV champi-

onship game on March 4 but avenged that loss Saturday.

Now St. Mary's faces a Campbell Hall squad that is undefeated (31-0) and beat San Joaquin Memorial-Fresno 65-42 in the Division IV Southern regional championship game Saturday.

"Obviously you have to respect what they've done," Nodar said. "I'm sure they have to respect what we've done."

The Panthers had three players in double figures against Marin Catholic on Saturday.

William Brew scored a team-high 20 points, followed by Larry Gurganious (19 points) and Jordan Thurston (15 points).

Freshman helps Panthers to crown

By Chace Bryson
STAFF WRITER

Just one day before his team played in the California Interscholastic Federation Division IV Northern regional championship, William Brew was told he would be making his first start of the season.

As a freshman on the St. Mary's High School boys basketball team, last Saturday's title game at Delta College in Stockton also would be the first start of his varsity career.

"I wasn't real surprised or real nervous," Brew said. "I just wanted to do my thing."

Looking relaxed as ever, the 6-foot-2 guard scored 12 of his team-high 20 points in the first quarter as the sixth-seeded Panthers advanced to the CIF Division IV state championship with a 66-52 upset win over No. 1 Marin Catholic-Kentfield.

"We were hoping to create matchup problems for them," St. Mary's coach Manny Nodar said of his decision to start Brew. "To

be honest, I wasn't surprised (at his performance). He's been shooting the ball really well from the perimeter in practice, and he came out relaxed."

Brew's performance didn't come as a great surprise to his teammates either.

"That's what we expect night-in and night-out," said Panthers star forward Larry Gurganious. "Each player on this team has the ability to step up when it matters."

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LOCAL NOTEBOOK

ACCAL shows its dominance

By Phil Jensen
STAFF WRITER

THE ALAMEDA Contra Costa Athletic League could make a claim as the girls basketball league in Northern California this season. Four ACCAL teams participated in the North Coast Section basketball playoffs and one of those teams not only won the NCS championship game in their respective division, but advanced to the semifinals of the California Interscholastic Federation Northern Divisionals. That means that in Division I, II and III, three of the 12 Northern California teams were from the ACCAL, more than any other league in Northern California for those divisions.

"All three teams that we lost won the Northern regional (I). That should give our league a lot of respect as far as basketball goes," Pinole coach Dan O'Shea said. "Team, along with Berkeley and Cerrito, reached the Northern regional semifinals. I thought that we did very well," said Berkeley coach Nakamura about the team. "The quality of teams is good."

The ACCAL had five teams with overall winning records this season.

"I think the top echelon of the league is very good and the

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LOCAL NOTEBOOK

Only three remain in volleyball

By Dave Carpenter
STAFF WRITER

WITH ST. MARY'S and Kennedy high schools dropping boys volleyball this spring, the remaining Bay Shore Athletic League schools that have the right to compete with the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League. That doesn't necessarily mean it's one super-league.

BSAL commissioner Phil Tomasini said matches between BSAL and BSAL teams will be played in the league standard venues.

Even though there are only three teams representing BSAL, Tomasini said the league will have the best record with an automatic bid to the North Coast Section playoffs next year, regardless of how they compare to ACCAL teams.

However, that is being altered for this season only because of the circumstances. The league has to play in a supplemental league next year, but the league will decide which one.

Tomasini hopes it will remain the ACCAL for geographical and school-size reasons.

Only Salesian, St. Elizabeth and St. Joseph have complete

rosters started with five, but immediately prior to getting the season going, a couple teams pulled out," Tomasini said.

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BERKELEY'S Jazmine Perkins drives to the basket against Devane Hampton of Oakland Tech. The Yellow Jackets lost in the NorCal semifinals for the third straight season.

Berkeley, El Cerrito girls fall in semifinals

■ Top seeds Oakland Tech and St. Mary's of Stockton take out the local teams en route to CIF Northern regional titles

By Curtis Pashelka
STAFF WRITER

Sayja Sumler scored all 15 of her points in the first half as the No. 1 seed Oakland Tech High School girls basketball team (20-6) got by visiting Berkeley (20-11) 63-51 on March 10 and advanced to their second straight California Interscholastic Federation Division I Northern regional final.

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

Oakland Tech led from the start, but Berkeley's Danielle Ross hit a 10-foot jump shot with five minutes to go in the second quarter to cut the Bulldogs' lead to 20-19.

But Oakland Tech took over from there by going on a 20-5 run to end the first half. Sumler and Alexis Gray-Lawson each had six points in the second quarter, and teammate Devane Hampton added seven.

It's the third straight year Berkeley has lost in the regional semifinals, with the previous two

losses coming to Laguna Hills.

"Weak-side rebounding killed us. It seemed like (Oakland Tech) scored all of its points in the second quarter on putbacks," Berkeley coach Gene Nakamura said. "It was 24-19, then I looked up at the scoreboard and all of a sudden they had 40 points."

The Bulldogs took a 21-point lead into the fourth quarter, but the Yellow Jackets went on a 15-5 run to cut their deficit to 57-46 with just over four minutes remaining. But Berkeley was held scoreless for the next three minutes.

Berkeley senior Danesha Wright closed out her prep career with 10 rebounds and a

team-high 19 points.

Gray-Lawson had 16 for Oakland Tech.

The Bulldogs won the Division I Northern regional championship game on Saturday, 77-49 over Fairfield.

St. Mary's-Stockton 76, El Cerrito 55: The Gauchos kept it close until the fourth quarter, when the No. 1 seed Rams (29-4) outscored El Cerrito 17-8 to close a Division III regional semifinal at Lincoln-Sitekton on March 10.

Jacki Gemelos scored 34 of her game-high 36 points in the first three quarters as the Rams built a 59-47 lead heading into the final quarter. The Rams led

by six points after the first quarter and nine points at halftime.

El Cerrito (24-7) was led in scoring by Shonetta Crain-Williams with 18 points. Teammate Turquoise Wilder added 14 points.

Gauchos coach Ron Williams was not pleased with the officiating in the game.

"My team played well. We've been playing eight-on-five all season long," Williams said. "We didn't get the fouls that we should have got, and they got the 'and-one' fouls."

The Rams won the Division III Northern regional championship game Saturday, 64-53 over Miramonte.

ON DECK

Prep boys basketball

■ **St. Mary's vs. Campbell Hall-North Hollywood** in California Interscholastic Federation Division IV state championship game, 11:15 a.m. Saturday at Arco Arena in Sacramento — St. Mary's (29-4) have won eight of their last nine games heading into the matchup against undefeated Campbell Hall.

Prep baseball

■ **Albany at John Swett**, 3:30 p.m. today — The Cougars, who easily beat Kennedy 15-0 in their Bay Shore Athletic League opener on Wednesday, face a potent Indians squad that had a bye Wednesday.

■ **St. Patrick at St. Mary's**, 3:30

p.m. Wednesday — The defending BSAL champion Panthers host the Bruins, who were tied for second in the BSAL last year. Both teams had convincing victories Wednesday in their BSAL openers.

■ **Berkeley at San Ramon Valley**, 3:30 p.m. Wednesday — The Yellow Jackets travel to face the defending North Coast Section 3A East Bay champions.

Prep softball

■ **Albany at St. Patrick**, 3:30 p.m. Monday — The Cougars travel to face the defending BSAL champions.

■ **St. Mary's at St. Patrick**, 3:30 p.m. Wednesday — Next it's the Panthers turn to attempt to unseat

the defending BSAL champions.

Stars of the week

■ **William Brew, St. Mary's boys basketball** — Brew scored a team-high 20 points to help lead the Panthers to a 66-52 win over Marin Catholic-Kentfield in the California Interscholastic Federation Division IV Northern regional championship game. Brew, a freshman, also had 11 points in the Panthers' 70-56 victory over Valley Christian-San Jose in the Northern regional semifinals.

■ **Mario Hollands, El Cerrito baseball** — Hollands pitched a two-hitter and didn't allow a runner past second base as the Gauchos improved to 5-1 with a 5-0 victory over Vallejo on

Tuesday. Hollands had five strikeouts and one walk in the win.

■ **Adam Barkow, Albany boys golf** — Barkow shot a 3-over 39 for nine holes at Franklin Canyon Golf Course in Hercules to claim medalist honors in Albany's 236-247 victory over Salesian on Tuesday. The Cougars improved to 2-1 in BSAL action with the victory.

■ **Trevor Oda, El Cerrito boys golf** — Oda was the medalist in the Gauchos' 200-218 victory over Encinal in Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League action on Tuesday. Oda shot an 11-over 46 for nine holes at Mira Vista Golf Course in El Cerrito.

■ **J.D. Pierce, St. Mary's baseball** — Pierce allowed only two hits and

one run over five innings with seven strikeouts and no walks as the Panthers defeated Redwood Christian 6-1 on Thursday.

■ **Danesha Wright, Berkeley girls basketball** — Wright had a game-high 19 points in the Yellow Jackets' 63-51 loss to Oakland Tech in the CIF Division I Northern regional semifinals on March 10.

■ **Shonetta Crain-Williams, El Cerrito girls basketball** — Crain-Williams scored a team-high 18 points and grabbed eight rebounds in the Gauchos' 76-55 loss to St. Mary's-Stockton in the semifinals of the CIF Division III Northern regionals on March 10.

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When this puzzle is completed, solve the maze in the grid, traveling through the openings in the squares, beginning at 69-Across, ending at 103-Down and passing over the word spelled at 71-Across 18 times. As you proceed, the consecutive letters of 71-Across will always be in their correct order, in straight lines reading forward, backward, up or down.

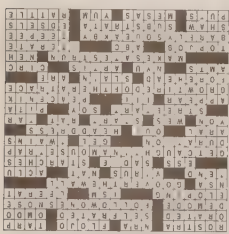
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29 Eye lasciviously
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87 Get weary solving a lab maze?
92 Salute site
93 Done in
94 Make, in arithmetic
95 Recipe info. Abbe
96 Sch. where Samuel Morse was a professor of art
98 End of MGM's motto
100 Mug, sales info
104 Does some lab maze-solving?
109 Book about Ezz
110 Head post
- DOWN**
- 114 Epitome of simplicity
115 Go over again
117 Solve a lab maze almost intuitively?
123 Brave contr.
124 "My Fair Lady" is based on his work
125 Foundations
126 Cars known for backfiring?
127 Options for traders
128 High lands
129 "Tasty!"
130 Clue for a car mechanic
- DOWN**
- 131 Maze participant
2 Vexed threat
3 Austroriparian language
4 "Vette" option
5 Make a new excavation
6 Grand profit
7 Bounced check letters
8 Olds mobile
9 Accompanier of thumbs and ears
10 First robes, often
11 Pros with corn
12 Plains Indian
13 Actress Aniston, familiarly
14 Scott who wrote "Island of the Blue Dolphins"
15 Soap made by Dial
16 Marc Antony's love
- DOWN**
- 17 Parks in Alabama
18 "Every man will be a _____ if he can"; Thoreau
21 Arrives suddenly without formality
25 Pommes frites seasoning
27 State biggie
32 One of a Hindu trinity
33 O.E.D. part
34 Designer Gertrude
35 Had passed its expiration date
36 Outermost of the Aleutians
38 Transfer
41 Play the role of
42 Diablo film "Queen"
43 Trim
44 Deliverer of many plays
46 Didn't play
47 _____ genres (unique)
49 Anticipatory
51 Star, in Kansas' motto
52 Stop from getting dry
53 Mate's hello
54 International con
55 Convey
56 One taking a "gander"
57 Different cuts
63 "Let me repeat
64 What a tipper tips
65 Lumber
- DOWN**
- 67 Anger
68 Unexplainable
69 Chamber groups
70 Suffix with axiom
74 Pile maker
76 Lauren of "The Love Boat"
77 Hand-color, in a way
79 Gift-giver's urging
80 French writer Georges
81 Kodak competitor
82 Spring event
83 Org. with an emergency no
86 Gloom, point
88 Captain, e.g.
89 Freight carrier
90 Unloaded truck's weight
91 Home page visits
97 Olympics chant
99 _____ Lanka
- DOWN**
- 101 Steamed
102 Pass along, as gossip
103 Maze reward
104 Unit of matter: Abbr.
105 Bottomless pit
106 Helps do wrong
107 Complete
108 "_____ lift?"
110 1/16 of a cup: Abbr.
111 Diamond Head's home
112 Burlesque landing spot
113 Jacob and Abraham, e.g.
116 Break
118 Go after
119 Passers, briefly
120 _____ Kyser's "College of Musical Knowledge"
121 A.C. unit
122 Verb for Popeye

Reviews

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known as zydeco. We meet the title character as he is being laid off from work at a salt mine. He returns home to a tiny shack in the shadow of a slag heap, where he joyfully practices the accordion. When by chance he hears a snippet of zydeco on a late-night radio show, his ears prick up. His fellow villagers send him to an annual music festival in their sister city in Texas' hill country. — A. Hornaday. (PG: mild profanity; in German and English with subtitles.) 1 hour, 54 minutes. B

"SIDEWAYS": Paul Giamatti and Thomas Haden Church are two very different middle-aged men on a road trip through the Santa Barbara wine country in this just-about-perfect movie from director Alexander Payne ("Election," "About Schmidt").



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Wickedly funny, but poignant, too. — M. Pols. (R: language, some strong sexual content, nudity.) 2 hours, 4 minutes. A

"UP AND DOWN": This Czech Republic nominee for best foreign film traces the generally unhappy doings of a dozen or so loosely connected people in contemporary Prague. The story seems to begin at the crossroads of realism and fairy tale, with a baby discovered in the back of a truck by a pair of petty hoodlums who have been smuggling illegal immigrants across the border. But it skips from buoyant satire to domestic melodrama, leaving a curious mix

of emotions. — A.O. Scott. (R: strong language, brief violence; in Czech with subtitles.) 1 hour, 48 minutes. B

"VERA DRAKE": Vera (Imelda Staunton) is the cheeriest, most helpful gal in her dingy London neighborhood, circa 1950. She's also a back-alley abortionist, "helping out" hundreds of poor women. Director Mike Leigh handles this incendiary topic with a barebones economy that goes straight to the heart of the legal and moral questions, without being overt or strident. The ensemble cast, particularly Staunton, is superb. — M. Pols. (R: adult themes.) 2 hours, 5 minutes. A-

"A VERY LONG ENGAGEMENT": Audrey Tautou stars in this odd but charming and stylish movie. The story begins in 1919, two years after Manich's court-martial and death sentence for intentionally wounding himself on the front, then disappearing. The official word is that he's dead. But the smart and superstitious Mathilde (Tautou) is not convinced. She engages the help of an exuberant private detective, and together they begin inching toward the truth. — C. Chocano. (R: graphic violence, some sexuality and nudity; in French with English subtitles.) 2 hours, 13 minutes. B

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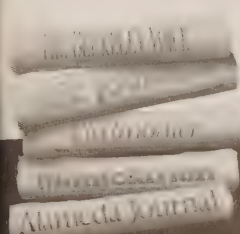
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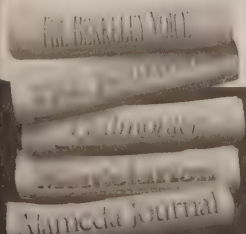
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BILL MANN
Multimedia Notes

KTVU to join 5 p.m. news fray

IF THERE'S a sameness to local newscasts, maybe it's because so much of a station's profits depend on them. There's no need to take chances with such things as investigative reporting, which is getting rarer and rarer.

Local newscasts are a big money-maker — they sell a lot of trucks and clothing — and newscasts keep multiplying.

KRON dropped its 4 p.m. newscast a couple of years ago, but recently re-added it after sales revenues for its replacement fell.

KGO-TV recently added a 5 p.m. newscast on weekends (the ABC network news at 5:30 is "hammocked" between two ABC-7 local newscasts). And we now learn that Oakland KTVU-TV will be adding a 5 p.m. weekday newscast some time next month. (Channel 2's 6 p.m. newscast, added three years ago, is still struggling).

Channel 2's morning anchor, Frank Somerville, and 10 p.m. anchor Leslie Griffith will anchor the hour-long show leading into KTVU's 6. Gone will be Montel Williams (please dry your eyes). KTVU's 6 o'clock has suffered because of the weak lead-in. So a newscast at 5 should help KTVU's 6 o'clock Nielsen. The genial Somerville will leave the noon newscast — a replacement hasn't been named — but will do a "split shift" and stay on the morning newscast. That's a long work day.

Meanwhile, over at KRON, the already-dispirited staff is still recovering from the unexpected departure of news director Stacy Owen, who was expected back from maternity leave. Says one KRON newscast: "It was a surprise to most of us. Word is that she was paid off and wanted to leave because the newsroom she left was not the newsroom she returned to — fewer resources, firings, weird sales-driven stuff, etc." Things like having news anchor Wendy Tokuda schmoozing with the increasingly annoying Dr. Phil on a sales-department-inspired KRON "special."

Assistant Channel 4 news director Chris Lee, who's now acting news director, had enough on his plate already: He's also heading up a group trying to bring a Class A pro baseball team to Santa Rosa.

Another former KRON news staffer, veteran reporter Anthony Moor — he did fine work on the Oakland firestorm story — now runs a newspaper Web site in Orlando, Fla. He e-mails: "I started working on my resume the day Young Broadcasting bought the station. Leaving Channel 4 is the best decision I've ever made."

Channel 4 has just been through layoffs and budget-cutting, and, given the choice, the popular Owen wisely opted for full-time motherhood. Several of the station's higher-paid air personalities have been told quietly that they'll be let out of their contracts if they decide to move on — as several have already done.

But after you've worked on a station whose big star is Dr. Phil, I'm sure the next job will be anticlimactic to those who jump ship.

MEDIA NOTES: Yes, there is life after television ("old media"): Remember Art Kern, KPDX's handsome young general manager in the 1980s, a Yale grad who did all Channel 5's editorials? He left KPDX to concentrate on running American Media, a chain of radio stations. Kern fought prostate cancer successfully, then joined the Board of Yahoo! in 1996. (Yahoo! just turned 10).

I've been checking Insider trading filings at Yahoo!, and director Kern's had a pretty good year so far: On Feb. 8, Kern exercised options, buying Yahoo! stock at 4 cents a share, and sold a batch at around \$30 a share — a profit of \$1 million. On Feb. 24, same deal: Another cool million. Bet he never saw THAT kind of money at KPDX.

Questions. Comments? E-mail Bill: Newsman@sonic.net.



ADAM HOCHSCHILD grew up with wealth but during his teen years he joined the 1960s upsurge of activism and dissent.

A progressive's pilgrimage

Born to privilege, author Hochschild devotes his life's work to championing the causes of the have-nots

By Rick Jurgens
STAFF WRITER

Soft spoken and polite, UC Berkeley journalism professor Adam Hochschild seems miscast in his role as a leading voice of the left.

While the right dominates public discourse with media shout fests, political hit pieces and intellectually empty sound bites, Hochschild shows gentlemanly respect for the opinions and interests of others. The persuasiveness of his books and essays depends more on evidence and reasoned argument than on rhetoric.

Scion of a wealthy mining family that summered on its Adirondacks estate, Hochschild, 62, set his own course in life. He veered from the conventional path open to him and his Ivy League peers to join the 1960s upsurge of activism and dissent.

He went to work for Ramparts magazine from 1966 until 1968. He organized an anti-Vietnam War network among fellow Army Reservists. Summers included stints as a civil rights worker in Mississippi and as a cub reporter for an anti-apartheid newspaper in South Africa.

PROFILE

WHO: Adam Hochschild
WHAT: Author of "Bury the Chains: Prophets and Rebels in the Fight to Free an Empire's Slaves" (Houghton Mifflin, \$26.95, 366 pages)

And as the progressive movement ebbed after the 1960s, Hochschild continued to make his mark with his work and his money. He co-founded and provided crucial early financial backing to Mother Jones magazine, a now-thriving glossy publication for the left. He has also written six books, including 1998's "King Leopold's Ghost," a prize-winning narrative history of Belgian colonialism in the Congo.

The brutality of the colonial regime by which Europeans extracted riches from Africa seems far away from the leafy side street in San Francisco's Eureka Valley neighborhood. Hochschild lives there with his wife, Arlie, a sociology professor at UC Berkeley and an author in her own right.

But Hochschild hasn't lost touch with the awareness that originally put him on the path of activism and social criticism.

"He has stayed consistent for 40-plus years," says Oakland-based freelance reporter Reese Erlich, a former Ramparts colleague, "rejecting his parents' past, politics and wealth and (the)

snobbishness that kind of goes with that in favor of progressive views and a simpler lifestyle."

During that time, Hochschild has "consistently taken the side of the oppressed against the oppressor," Erlich adds.

Hochschild says his desires to become a writer and to work for social justice both date back to when he was a teenager. He combined those interests at Mother Jones, the San Francisco-based magazine now in its 30th year. Hochschild notes that circulation at the glossy monthly has just topped 250,000, which he describes as "the largest of any explicitly progressive magazine in the U.S. since the 1920s or so."

He has less to say about his monetary contributions. "I certainly have been a contributor over the years," he says. "If you mention it, I wish you would just say 'a contributor' because there have been a lot of other people who contributed a lot of money."

These days, Hochschild's main public identity is as an author, which has been his full-time focus since 1981. His latest work, "Bury the Chains: Prophets and Rebels in the Fight to Free an Empire's Slaves," continues his exploration of the West's exploitation of Africa. It describes how and why England, reliant on slaves to labor on profitable Caribbean plantations, grappled with the moral and practical consequences of slavery and its abolition.

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Hochschild's paradox

Hochschild's books frequently examine a paradox of human society, one recognized at least as far back as the Bible: that wealth and culture for the privileged few can depend on the slavery and degradation of the unlucky majority.

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Woman's Will never done until all seven plays are in

By Jack Tucker
STAFF WRITER

On your mark! Get set! Go!!! And they're off and running. Racing against the clock. Pumping adrenaline. Pulsating with excitement. Pounding ... pounding ... pounding ...

No. Not the turf at Golden Gate Fields. No. Not the cinder track at high school or college.

These racers are seven women playwrights pounding keyboards to crank out seven original plays for seven women directors and 25 actors to rehearse and perform — all in 24 hours.

The seventh annual 24-Hour PlayFest by Woman's Will hit the boards running — what else? — at Berkeley's Julia Morgan Theatre on Monday night.

Woman's Will is the Bay Area's all-female Shakespeare company, but for 24 hours a few males are allowed in for acting



JENNY DEBEVEC, left, Dan Wilson and Lisa Jenay Hernandez rehearse "Stay Awake" on Monday night, one of seven plays — written Sunday night — performed by the Woman's Will company.

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JACK TUCKER
Comments

Aurora Theatre picks plays

AURORA THEATRE awarded a commission under the Berkeley company's Age Project — designed to promote new playwrights — to 2004 Obie-winning playwright Craig Lucas.

The commission is to develop a new play over the next two seasons.

Additionally, the company has received a \$40,000 grant from the James Irvine Foundation to fund the Age Project over the next two years. GAP encourages playwrights and directors to explore the current state of the global world, seeking both serious and comedic new works, a range of topics from life, spirituality and technology, business and politics.

"This is our first year," says The James Irvine Foundation and we are tremendously grateful for their grant," said Aurora artistic director Tom Ross. "Likewise, we were more thrilled at the award of the 'keynote' playwright than an admirer of the work since first reading 'Prelude to a Kiss' a few years ago."

Lucas' other work, "Small Tragedy," won the Obie for Best American Play and the 2003 New York Critics Circle Award for Best Screenplay. "The Secret of Denzets," directed by Rudolph.

He is also the author of "Singing Forest" and for "The Light in the Dark" scheduled to open in New York at the Center for the Performing Arts.

The James Irvine Foundation, with assets of \$1.5 billion, is a nonprofit grantmaking foundation dedicated to providing opportunity for people to participate in a vibrant, successful society. It makes grants to make the people of California better.

WANNA PLAY? Auditions for "The Whorehouse in Time" summer production. Pinole Community Theatre will be held April 17 and 18 at the company's playhouse, 1000 Pine Ave. Pinole, Calif. 94969. 415-261-1111. p.m. both days. Greg directing.

Prepare 32 bars of key of either a Broadway country-western tempo or ballad. Also provided, CD or tape. Dance combinations. Auditioners. Could be from the script.

Age range: 18 to 30. Roles available for 13 men. Dancing ensemble needs six women. Most speaking roles will be by the ensemble. No stipend. No supper.

Performs at 8 p.m. and Saturdays, 2 p.m. June 17-July 16, 2005. 223-3598 for general information. For specifics, reach the director: gregg.klein@comcast.net

If "Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" sounds familiar — rather catchy title — Players did the show a dozen years ago with Mark Patino O'Brien and Michael O'Brien and Michael O'Brien's sheriff. Dave Clark with Janet O'Brien as the tor.

Michael, who was his favorite role, will have to turn it this time. It's not a thing. He and Janet Ireland.

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Section D

2005 Pontiac G6 GT: G.M. has learned to match the Japanese in design and build

BY JON ROSNER

When it comes to testing cars, knowledge is a good thing, but it's hard to start fresh when you approach the next car. The first thing I have to do is to tell you how much I love this new car arrives in to temper my cynicism and men-
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Pontiac G6 is a case in point. The badges and the body are very close to those of the Acura and Toyota. The shape looks like a trend. The shape looks like a trend. The shape looks like a trend.

interiors are far more involved in interior design than exteriors. The interior is not as complex, and it's hard to get it right. It is an improvement, it comes close to the highest standard for cars, and that would be a quantum leap. Not only black and tan interior well-laid

out with snug fitting pieces, but the wood inserts have the design appeal of top-end Audi, Cadillac and Jaguar models. The trunk release on the driver's door is one of the nicest new touches I've seen.

The interior seating, headroom, elbow room and matching window design echo those of the extended wheelbase Jaguar Vanden Plas. There are drawbacks: While the seatback fits well, the back-end of the bottom cushion is overbolstered for small posteriors and feels a bit ungiving.

I had the chance to drive the G6 on the twisting roads around and at Mazda Laguna Seca Raceway two weeks ago. Back to back runs left me with the feeling that the Audi A4 was the target the engineers had in mind when designing the G6 GT. Just like the Audi — when the road did a whoop and the pavement dropped away from one or more wheels the rest clung on well. The offending wheel followed the road without allowing the bumps and grinds to upset the chassis and send the car careening as the road twisted in the best of back-road traditions. The same was true on the track as well as off. Push the G6 GT hard and it reaches its limits well before the Corvette or the BMW M3. But, at the limit, the transition from total grip to four-wheel slide was a smooth one.

Again, no abrupt or annoying behavior. I've come to expect the Cadillac CTS-V — a car whose suspension was designed at the very unforgiving Nurburgring race track in Germany — will handle well. But this is a Pontiac, and that represents a big change for G.M.

In the time that I had the G6 GT, I had the chance to take it out on several local roads. Anyone who has ever taken a stiffly sprung sports car on Route 24 between Walnut Creek and the Caldicott Tunnel knows the road as one to avoid. But the undulating waves of poor pavement and sunken sections make it a great road to test for ride and control. The G6 GT glided comfortably over this road, with lane changes showing no discernible sway. And even with the huge multi-panel sunroof open it was not loud and there was little annoying wind. The engine had plenty of power and the transmission shifted very smoothly. Both were quiet and up to the standards set by Honda with their V6/automatic combination.

Pontiac has taken a quantum leap forward in design engineering and quality of materials. If the quality control and durability match the expectations, then Pontiac has built its first mid-size sedan in years that can truly go head to head with the Japanese and win on merit alone.



2005 PONTIAC G6 GT is one of a new breed of performance cars from G.M. that can truly go head to head with the imports.

PONTIAC G6 GT

Vehicle Type	Five-passenger front-wheel drive midsize sedan
Suggested Retail	\$23,300
Price as Tested	\$28,280
Engine Type	OHV 3.5-liter V6 w/SPFI
Horsepower	200 at 5,400 rpm
Torque	220 at 3,800 rpm
Transmission	Four-speed automatic
Wheelbase	112 inches
Height	57 inches
Curb Weight	3,380 pounds
Fuel Capacity	16 gallons
Mileage	City/highway 21/29

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3rd Annual Good Guys Hot Rod Show

BY JON ROSNER

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I've been told that no golf carts

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These rental cars only come in green

BY BONNIE TSUI

NEW YORK TIMES NEWS SERVICE

Last October, Suzy Smith was looking for a rental car with good mileage for a weeklong vacation in Maui. She searched for "rental cars on Maui" on Google and found Maui Bio-Beetle, a company that

rents cars that run on biodiesel fuel. She didn't know what to expect from a vehicle that used fuel made solely from recycled vegetable oil, but she decided to give it a chance.

"It was fun!" said Smith, who owns a conference-call business in Seattle. She ended up renting a

Volkswagen Golf from Bio-Beetle for the week. "The car had 'This vehicle powered by vegetable oil' written all over it, and people would stop and look and ask a million questions. Every now and again

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Chevy Cobalt: A quantum leap improvement over the Chevy Cavalier

CHAMBERS WILLIAMS III

who have driven the all-new Chevrolet Cobalt have insulted it as a "Cavalier with satel-

General Motors couldn't better than update the aging Cavalier small-car line. The company should have bothered with the Cobalt. After a week in the midlevel sedan, and then driving a 1997 Cavalier coupe, I can tell you the Cobalt is a massive improvement over the car it replaces. OK, it's no Audi A4 or Volkswagen, but I believe it's a big player in the market — its primary Japanese competitors — the compact segment Toyota Corolla and Civic. And it's certainly a better bet than the competing Ford Focus or Dodge Neon.

GM's new global Delta platform, which also is used for the similarly sized Saturn IScout, is a credible contender in the important compact sedan and coupe classes.

Came with the standard Ecotec engine rated at 140 horsepower and 150 foot-pounds of torque, which was plenty of power for a car of this size. Initial acceleration was more than adequate, and freeway merges were no problem.

A new 205-horsepower 2.0-liter supercharged engine is standard in the SS (SuperSport) coupe. Transmissions available with the 2.2-liter engine are a Getrag five-speed manual and a Hydra-Matic 4T45-E four-speed automatic, an \$850 option that was included on our test car. The shifter is mounted on the floor.

The supercharged model has a separate five-speed manual gearbox. And though I found this to be a more-than-adequate entry-level sedan, with the up-level LS and LT models and SS coupe GM is going after not only first-time car buyers who want economy in both initial purchase and in operation of the vehicle, but also budget-minded auto enthusiasts — mostly young single men — who want some performance in their little cars.

For those people, who love to buy and "tune" their Honda Civic and such to their own desires, Chevy will offer the SS coupe with the supercharged Ecotec four-cylinder engine and lots of "tuner car" equipment — the kind of stuff that

until recently has been mostly provided by aftermarket parts makers. When you consider that the Cavalier, which was introduced in 1982 and was last redesigned in 1997, has been Chevy's best-selling car and one of the nation's Top 10 best sellers for most of its life, it's hard to imagine the Cobalt not being even more of a hit for GM, as good as it is.

Probably the biggest surprises for me were the very well executed interior design and the extremely quiet cabin at highway speeds. I actually got out of the Cobalt and into the '97 Cavalier within minutes of each other, and where a conversation could be conducted at whisper level in the Cobalt, I had to nearly shout in the Cavalier at highway speed.

Though the ride wasn't exactly Cadillac-like, it was much better than that of the Cavalier. But it might be a little unfair to complain about the ride of my wife's car, since it is 8 years old and has 150,000 miles on it.

The LS model I tested had a base price of \$15,920 (plus \$565 freight). It came with a lot of standard equipment, including anti-lock brakes, power windows/mirrors/door locks with keyless entry, cruise control, electric rear defog-

ger, AM/FM/compact disc audio system, driver information center and battery-run-down protection. And for just \$595 more, it came with the sport package that added leather-wrapped shifter and steering wheel, white-faced sport gauges, sport front fascia with fog lights, rear spoiler, 16-inch aluminum wheels and a chrome exhaust tip.

Our car also got heated leather bucket seats up front, a \$695 add-on. Other extras included side-curtain air bags (\$395), XM satellite radio (\$325 plus monthly subscription), and an upgraded Pioneer audio system with MP3 compact disc player (\$150).

Total sticker on our very well equipped tester was \$20,190, including freight. The leather buckets were quite comfortable, and the high roofline of these cars gave me great headroom. The seatbelt had plenty of length to go around my considerable girth, and all controls were within easy reach. The only possible misce I spotted was the positioning of the handbrake handle between the front seats. It was so far back that with the middle armrest lowered into place, I couldn't reach the handle to release the brake. This is

just a minor annoyance, however. The sedan has a higher seating position than that of cars such as the Cavalier, to give occupants a "more commanding view," GM said.

Outside, the styling is not quite striking, but it's not as bland as the Cavalier's exterior, either. The high trunk is more stylish than that of the Cavalier, and there is lots of room inside for luggage and stuff. The rear seatback is a 60/40 split arrangement that allows for increasing cargo space from the trunk by giving up seating space.

The trunk opening is rather small overall, so it will be difficult to load large objects. But it has a low liftover height for easy loading of groceries, luggage and so forth. Cobalt sedans come in base, LS and LT trims, and coupe models are offered in base, LS and SS trims. EPA fuel economy ratings are 24 miles per gallon city and 32 highway. The tank holds 13.2 gallons of gas, and unleaded regular is recommended. — G. Chambers Williams III can be reached at chambers@express-news.net



2005 CHEVROLET COBALT SS: Fast, frugal and a lot of fun to drive.

Green Rental

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we stopped at a stoplight, we'd see something like burned green paint other than that it was like driving a car."

Beetle is part of a growing trend in cars and other forms of for-hire transportation, as environmentally friendly vehicles increasingly available. In places across the nation, it is now to rent hybrid gasoline-electric cars that run on electricity, natural gas in the case of Bio-Beetle's VW, or oil.

ing the car, Smith found, proved to be easy, with a Pacific Biodiesel station conveniently located near Kahului Air-Port. And it was cheaper, too. We refused to go back to the air-ports of biodiesel was quite a bit more said — about \$2.30 a gallon, \$2.69 on average for regular un-

gas prices are another reason why green is an attractive option. These alternative rental-car companies like Biodiesel Rental Cars, which opened in Maui and Oahu in 2003, are now in business, and larger rental companies around the country like Budget Enterprise have added environ-

friendly cars — mostly hybrid gas-vehicles like the Toyota Prius and the Civic Hybrid — to their own though still a small segment of the market for green cars is at-attention in the rental-car industry. The popularity of vehicles like the Civic Hybrid, it seems, looks like companies like Enterprise — with Prius, the largest rental car com-

pany in North America — would add them. And they have: In 2004, Enterprise had 2,700 Prius cars available for the shortage of cars available for limiting the numbers being sent to shops. Enterprise had to return its Priuses after a few months, short-term lease on them expired, the company will have none

our strategy is to offer products and the driving public and the in- the consumer, and customers environmentally friendly cars," said Conrad, a spokeswoman for En- terprise said that Enterprise was look- ing for fuel-efficient vehicles, but that the options were not marketed enough for its nationwide rental-car. For example, special fuel might be only in one part of a city or state at all in another.

local company like Bio-Beetle to avoid fueling problems be- cause of Hawaii's restricted geography. In places like San Francisco, traffic is heavy and parking is not only possible but preferable

Mercedes

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the SL55's muscle — attached to the engine, are smoother than the SL55's. Buttons on the wheel allow the driver manually, if preferred, the SL55 is loaded with Mercedes' safety fea- tures including "Tele-Aid" communications system, the GM's OnStar, side air bags, a drive- up roll bar, elec- tricity control and easily modulated

you have everything ranging seats to a navigation system. The trunk lid is auto-lift, the top dis- cide, and the trunk

space for a week- of luggage even is stored. The price of the SL55 is

to have a small, efficient car that can squeeze in anywhere. Electric Time Car Rentals, situated on Fisherman's Wharf, a prime tourist attraction, rents the GEM — Global Electric Motorcar — made by DaimlerChrysler. The quirky-looking vehicles (most are open-air and have no doors) have zero emissions, reach a top speed of about 25 mph, and have electric batteries that last for two hours of constant driving, or about 20 miles of city terrain.

"In the summer, all 27 of our cars will be out and turned over a few times a day," said Bryant Benson, operations manager for Electric Time, which first opened two-and-a-half years ago.

"Fifty percent of our clientele are folks from out of town, and the other 50 percent live within an hour of the Bay Area. So lots of people come in via public transportation and then take our cars to tour around the city. They feel a lot closer to the sights with our cars."

A larger regional company, EV Rental Cars, has found perhaps the biggest suc- cess in the market by catering to green- thinking Californians.

Based in Los Angeles, the company supplies rental-car firms with environmen- tally friendly vehicles, including the Toyota Prius, Honda Insight, Honda Civic (both the Hybrid and a natural-gas model) and the brand-new 2005 Ford Escape hybrid.

The cars are now rented exclusively through Fox Rent a Car, also based in Los Angeles, Fox is an independent car rental company with 21 rental locations in nine states. Fox began its agreement with EV Rental Car on Jan. 15, and Joe Knight, vice president for business development at Fox, said that the company had already seen a big response.

"Southern Californians are very green here," Knight said. "We're seeing that peo- ple who reserve these hybrid vehicles make up a very pas- sionate, serious clientele."

Currently, Fox has 260 environmentally friendly cars available in its Los Angeles, San Diego, Orange County and Phoenix airport locations, but it plans to have them in 10 more locations by the end of the year. By that time, EV also plans to nearly double the number of rental cars available to Fox, to al- most 500.

"I think the po- tential of renting green is enormous," said Shaun Stensho, president of Bio-Beetle. He has worked

on renewable energy issues for a decade and found out about biodiesel fuel in 1996. "I went seven years without owning a car because I didn't want to support an industry that, in my opinion, is the primary cause of pollution in the world. Biodiesel is a great renewable alternative that's available now, and I wanted to do what I could to promote it," Stensho's company has six dedicated biodiesel vehicles (a seventh, a 2005 Jeep Liberty, will arrive next month). Each gets 30 to 45 mpg, and rental rates are competitive, ranging from \$199 to \$293 a week. Fortunately for earth-sensitive travelers, the network for renting green is beginning to expand beyond rental cars, to auto clubs and public transportation. For example, the Better World Club (www.triplee.com) provides 24-hour na- tionwide roadside assistance — for bicy- clists as well as motorists — while offering its members 10 percent discounts on hy- brid and electric car rentals, and 1 percent of all revenues go toward environmental projects. PlanetTran (www.planettran.com), based in Cambridge, Mass., offers sched- uled transportation, mostly to Boston's Logan Airport, in hybrid cars.

PlanetTran's owner and founder, Seth Rinsky, said the company would be dou- bling its fleet to 10 cars by the end of the year.

But if the big drawback to widespread use of environmentally friendly cars is their availability, manufacturers might have to rethink their strategy. The act of renting out the cars may be the best way to promote green driving. David Koyle, a 59-year-old Maui resident who drives a Volkswagen Touareg, rented a Bio-Beetle for relatives to use when they visited him last year.

"After that, I'm thinking my next vehicle will be a hybrid," he said. "I'm looking and watching and waiting for some of the hy- brids to come out here to the market."

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The Dodge Neon, as I reported earlier, will go away soon, probably never to return. DaimlerChrysler plans to discontinue the vehicle next year, which perhaps won't be a minute too soon. It hasn't been what you might call a best seller for Chrysler and has so little regard among consumers that the company won't even keep the name to use on its next generation of small cars.

But the good news is that the Neon will be replaced by a much better vehicle, a strong hint of which was presented recently at the Geneva Motor Show in the form of the Dodge Caliber concept.

It won't be a sedan, and reports are that Chrysler has no plans to replace the Neon with another sedan. Small sedans are becoming rather passe, it seems, and little hatchbacks and wagons, once almost given up for dead, seem to be the new best thing in the compact class.

That brings us to the Caliber, which Dodge calls "a five-door vehicle that combines a sporty coupe-like profile with the strength, stance and functionality of an SUV."

It's based on the chassis architecture of the next generation of the Mitsubishi Lancer compact sedan, which is now in development.

That alone should help the Neon replacement get some respect in the marketplace. Despite Mitsubishi's mounting financial troubles, its vehicles are very well designed and well built, and the current Lancer is no exception. The next generation should be even better.

Although DaimlerChrysler last year did an about-face and declined to participate financially in a massive restructuring of Mitsubishi as it had planned to do, the German automaker still holds a substantial stake in Mitsubishi and is developing vehicles jointly with the Japanese company.

That runs both ways — Mitsubishi dealers will soon get a new midsize pickup called the Raider, which is essentially a version of the Dodge Dakota.

The two automakers have been sharing platforms for decades now — ranging way back before Germany's DaimlerBenz took over the former Chrysler Corp.

Although no name has officially been announced for the new small car from Dodge, and in fact, Chrysler Group hasn't even announced publicly that the concept shown in Geneva is what will re-

place the Neon at the Belvedere, Ill., assembly plant where it is now made, company officials say privately that the Caliber concept is essentially the vehicle we will get and that the Caliber name probably will stick.

But here we go again with the "What do you call it?" game: Will it be known as a station wagon or a hatchback? Apparently, as Chrysler did with the Pacifica, it won't be called either, according to a report in the industry weekly Automotive News. The publication said Chrysler will market the Caliber as a five-door, not a wagon or hatchback (even though either one of those designations would work).

For a year and a half before the Pacifica went on sale in mid-2003, Chrysler tried to tell us it was neither minivan nor SUV, but a "segment-buster," creating an entirely new type of vehicle — which the company called a "sport tourer."

The actual vehicle looks very much like the Town & Country minivan, however, but with six captain's chairs in three rows, instead of standard minivan seating for seven or eight, and regular car doors instead of the sliding doors you get with a minivan.

Built on the chassis of the Town & Country, the Pacifica, a very nice vehicle in its own right, was a bit confusing to the public. I think that's because most people expected it to be more of an SUV than a minivan, and in reality, it's more station wagon than either van or SUV.

I'm not sure why manufacturers are afraid of the "W" word. Wagons are becoming quite popular again, especially as alternatives to sedans and truck-like SUVs. One reason is that they generally have more space for people and stuff than comparably sized sedans do and they drive better and get better fuel economy than typical SUVs.

Chevrolet hasn't called its midsize Malibu Maxx a wagon or hatchback, either, although with its steeply sloped rear roof, it's really more hatchback than wagon.

But it has been something of a hit with consumers since its debut in December 2003, more proof that consumers are once again embracing five-door vehicles such as this.

The Caliber concept, if it makes it into production without major changes, would be a welcome entry into the small-car segment, I believe. It's a very nice-looking car.

"Caliber's sheer surface styling commands attention and evokes attributes that define the Dodge brand: bold, powerful, capable and

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HIGH CALIBER STUFF:

Dodge designers have come up with a bold, distinctive Dodge Caliber concept — a five-door vehicle that combines a sporty coupe-like profile with the strength, stance and functionality of an SUV. The signature crosshair grille gives Caliber the distinct face of Dodge and defines its strong, muscular front view. Wide, sculpted wheel forms, impressive 19-inch wheels and tires, broad shoulders and bulging hood give Caliber its proud, powerful stance. Large, crystal headlamps and fog lights complement the chrome grille and create an integrated look that completes Caliber's modular appearance.

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Asian and European brands fill all but one of the 32 slots within Consumer Reports' list of Most Satisfying Vehicles. Asian cars lead with 25 vehicles. European brands with six. The only domestic car on the list is the Chevrolet Corvette.

street smart," the company said in a news release accompanying the Geneva introduction.

"This concept, painted stunning Sunburst Orange, would appeal to buyers looking for a compact car that stands out from the crowd and gives them the flexibility to do more in terms of seating friends and storing gear," the company said.

Other features of the concept include 19-inch wheels and tires (which probably won't make it to the production vehicle), broad shoulders, a bulging hood, and large crystal headlights and fog lights. "New and unique glass-to-body proportions give the Caliber concept a tough, protective presence," Chrysler said. "The forward sweep of the tailgate emphasizes Caliber's sporty profile. Chrome door handles and body-side moldings add a sense of style and polish that completes Caliber's machined exterior."

The car will carry five passengers and should have a roomy enough back seat to be comfortable for average-size adults.

And the hatchback arrangement allows for loading of bulky cargo that wouldn't fit in a sedan's trunk. A fold-down rear seat will allow expansion of the cargo area to the back of the front seats.

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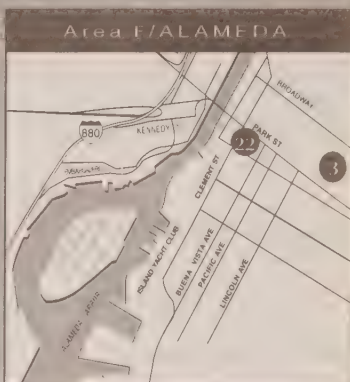
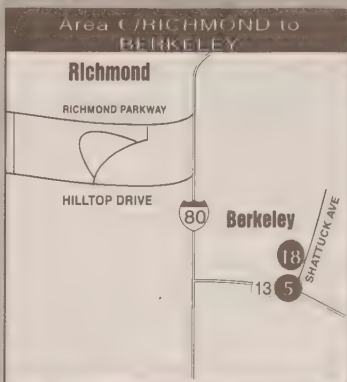
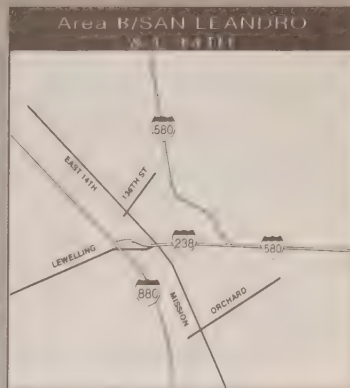
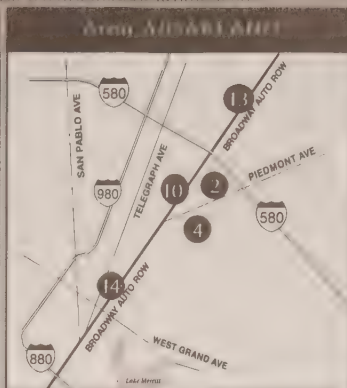
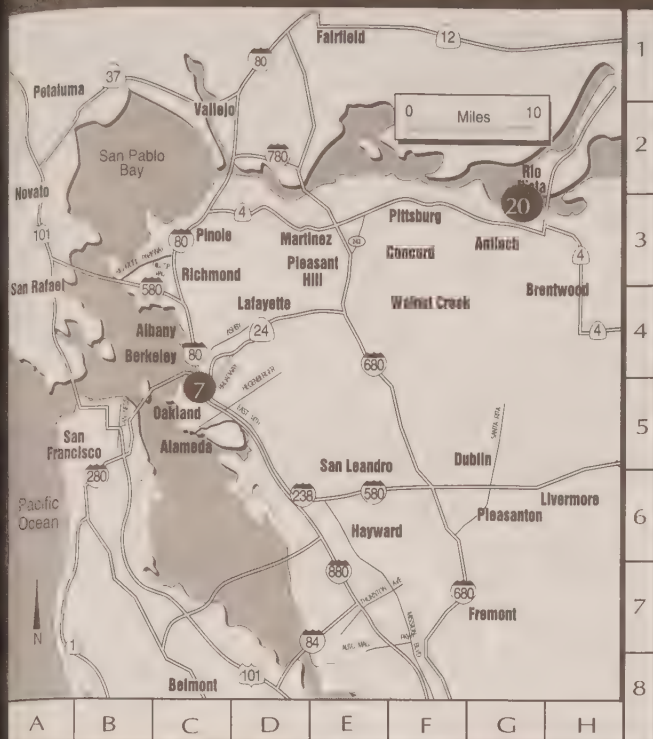
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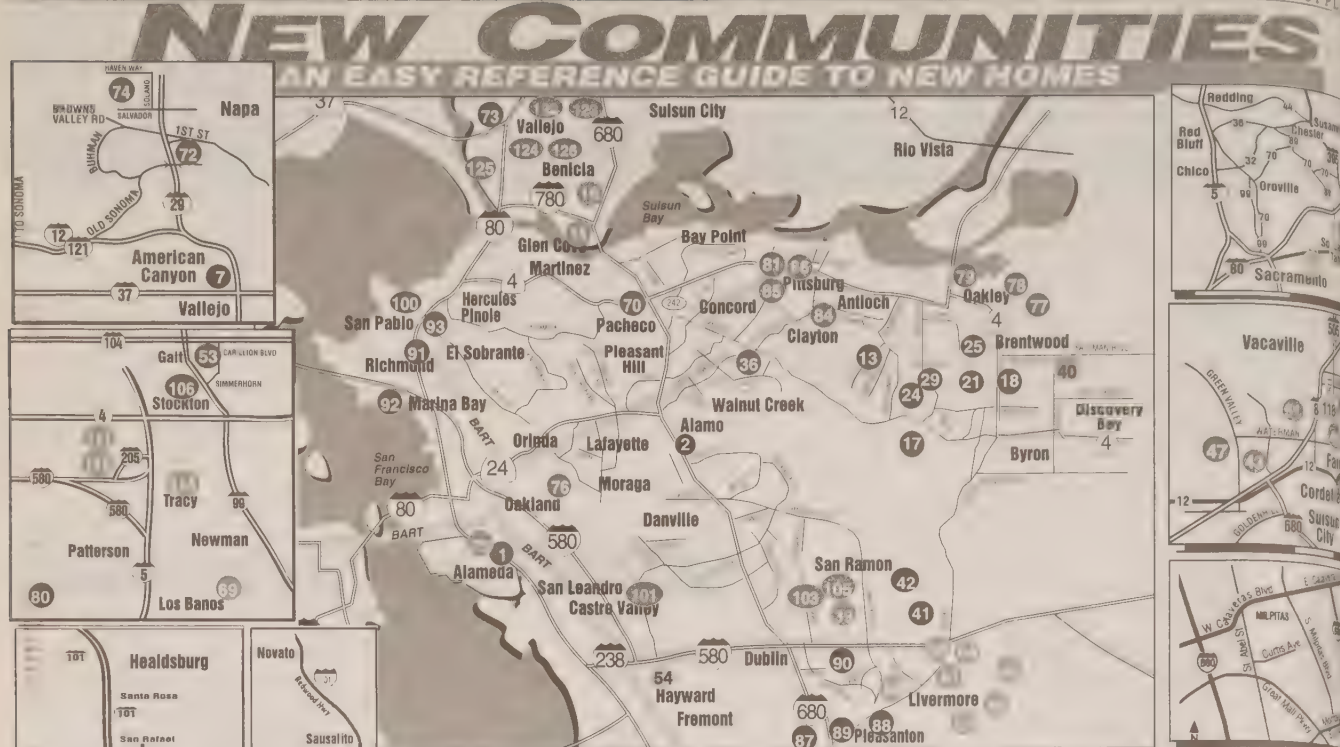
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From the high \$500,000s. Nestled in the rolling hills near Fairfield, you'll find Paradise Crest. Four exclusive floor plans on estate sized lots ranging from 2357 to 4300 sq. ft. Amenities include Crown Creek cottages, phone and cable in all bedrooms, and 3 car garages. Options include Plasma TV and swimming pools. Homes are available to include lots, tennis, den, or bonus rooms. Exit E. at 1680 east towards Deer Landing, left on Dover, right on Manuel Campos. 866-615-0000 or www.seerhomes.com
- 49 Southbrook**
Now Selling! From the high \$400,000s. Two distinct neighborhoods - Creekside offers 3-5 bedrooms ranging in size between 1222 to 2448 sq. ft. in Canyon offers four unique floor plans ranging from 1713 to 2718 sq. ft. with 3-4 bedrooms. Both are ideally located near 480 and Hwy 680, shopping schools, and walking trails. Models open daily 10-6. 707-866-0864. seerhomes.com
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Priced from the high \$300,000s. Luxury homes in Rancho Solano Country Private gated active adult community next to Rancho Solano Country Club. Approx. 1,405 sq. ft. plans. Gourmet kitchens with granite countertops, maple cabinetry, built-in stainless steel appliances. Resort-like amenities - golf, pool, spa, tennis. 3250 Rancho Solano Pkwy., Fairfield 707-426-9700
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- 53 Keystone**
From the mid \$400,000s. Five spacious homes ranging from 2192 to 3746 sq. ft. Homes are located on 8-10,000 sq. ft. homesites and feature 3-5 bedrooms, lots of bonus rooms and 3-4 car garages. Kitchens include center work island, pantry, and GE appliances. Call 209-745-7800. The Holthorn Company. www.holthornhomes.com
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- LIVERMORE**
- 57 PalaSage**
From the \$500,000s. Spring Move-In! Models Open! Stylish townhomes near downtown Livermore's shopping and dining. 2,117 to 2,744 sq. ft. plans. Gourmet kitchens, granite countertops, air conditioning standard, near-hole pool. Builders Best Financing Program! 2920 Fourth Street, Livermore (925) 448-6733. Perimeter.com
- 59 The Corners**
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- 60 Vineyard Gate**
From the \$1,000,000s. Tour 3 Beautifully Decorated Models! 4-6 BR luxury homes, up to 4000 sq. ft. Surrounded by vineyards in the 5 Livermore valley, close to golf, wineries, commuter routes. Open 10-5 daily. 925-455-0000. Visit www.vineyardgate.com to register for the interest list and receive private info.
- 61 Aiden Lane**
From the low \$1,000,000s. Only 4 elegant models remain! These beautiful homes range in size from 3,006-4,099 sq. ft. & 4-5 bedrooms, up to 4.5 baths with upgraded amenities including granite countertops, living room fireplace, spacious master suite and gorgeous built-in cabinets in family spaces. Conveniently located on South Livermore, close to shopping, freeways and schools. 2303 Augusto Street. 925-373-0838. Open Sat. 11 am-5 pm. Fri. 2 pm-5 pm. www.standardsales.com
- 62 Monarch Ranch**
From the high \$400,000s to the low \$500,000s. Seeno Homes is proud to present the newest addition to the Oakley community. Monarch Ranch features spacious single family homes ranging from approx. 1,785 - 4,412 sq. ft. with up to 5 bedrooms and 3.5 baths. Optional lots, additional bedrooms, and bonus rooms are also available. These spacious plans offer huge great rooms, gourmet kitchens, and beautiful master bedroom suites. Monarch Ranch offers the very best in new home amenities. 866-310-619.
- 63 The Reserve at Diablo Grande**
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Section C

J • V

Alameda triples its pleasure

El Cerrito drill nine 3-pointers to outlast El Cerrito in an ACCAL match

By Scott Strain
STAFF WRITER

Live by the "J" or die by the "V" — and Alameda lived. The Hornets (17-3, 9-0 in the Alameda League) took a commanding lead by sophomore guard Nathaniel Calandri, and won 79-71 on Tuesday night.

The game started the Gauchos (17-4) with open-and-half games behind the Hornets in the ACCAL. Alameda has three league games left. El Cerrito two. The Gauchos still have to play Berkeley.

Alameda was coming off an

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excruciating 81-56 loss to Berkeley on Tuesday and came out a bit ragged against El Cerrito. Cerrito (17-4) led 17-13 in the first quarter.

"Personally I wanted it more because we lost to Berkeley," Calandri said. "I thought we were just as good as Berkeley, so I took that loss out here tonight."

With Calandri firing in four 3-pointers in the first half, the Hornets had a 30-17 lead at the half. Alameda's Luca Galindo fired in eight of her 10 points in the first half, including two 3-pointers.

The game swung permanently away from El Cerrito in the third quarter.

Nicole Catania stole the ball from Andressa McGrew underneath the Alameda basket and scored for 41-37. The Gauchos turned the ball over immediately after that and Calandri hit another 3-pointer for 44-37. El Cerrito called timeout with 7:05 left in the second and already had

turned the ball over four times. The visitors never got back into it. Alameda extended the lead to 60-49 with eight seconds left in the third quarter, and the Gauchos, their inside game exposed, were forced to go to the perimeter to get back into the game.

"I thought it was our handle on defense," Calandri said about the effort against El Cerrito. "If the defense wasn't there against Berkeley, I thought we held back. Berkeley, we didn't do that tonight."

The key to Calandri's success was ball movement. The Gauchos

simply didn't get around the perimeter fast enough to challenge her. When she got the ball, she was open. She had the time to plant, set and shoot.

"It was a bad job of coaching," El Cerrito coach Ron Williams said. "That's it. I'm serious. Our substitution patterns were wrong and didn't work. Those first few minutes of the third quarter didn't help either."

And when Calandri couldn't do it, she had teammates to help. Catania scored 20 points in the first quarter and Christina Perreone had all eight of her points in the second half. Kourtney Willis had 12 points including six in the first quarter. The two teams battled to a 19-19 tie.

Calandri finished with 29 points to lead all scorers. Marqueta Green had 23 points to lead El Cerrito, and Jordan McGrew had 14.



EL CERRITO HIGH'S Christina Perreone (right) and Alameda's Nicole Catania (left) battle for a rebound during Tuesday night's ACCAL game.

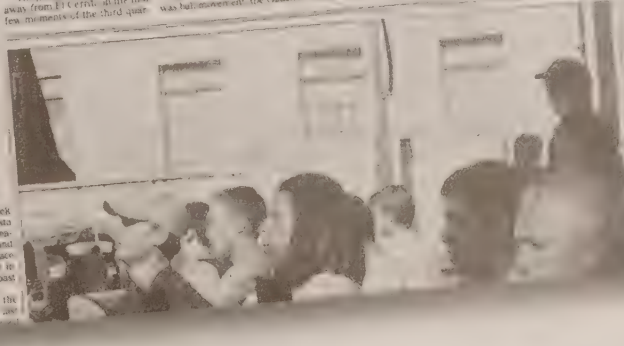
ACCAL NOTEBOOK

Oilers set for NCS opener

By Orlando Molina

After a heart-pounding week to end the Alameda League season, the Oilers (17-4) will face the North Coast Section's first opponent tomorrow in the second round of North Coast Section play.

At the start of the week, the Oilers, the No. 4 seed after a



BSAL NOTEBOOK

Canceled games hurt Salesian

By Scott Strain

The Salesian High School boys soccer team had two Bay Shore Athletic League matches pulled to be "no matches," and they may have cost the Chieftans a North Coast Section berth.

Salesian finished the league season with a 9-4-3 record, fifth in the BSAL. Two victories in the canceled matches might have

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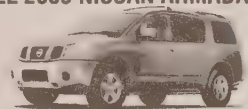
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KATHY VAN MULLEKOM

NEWPORT NEWS DAILY PRESS

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. — Lily Chin, wherever she goes, is making a recent appearance on the "Pauley Show."

Chin began to knit one, two, on the TV set, she put together 200 small knitting kits for charity members to use along with her.

Chin, all humans have the ability to create and knitting is a medium for personal expression," she says.

New York native, Chin has been knitting and crocheting since she was eight years old, for 30 years. She designs for companies and has written books "The Urban Knitter" and "Knit and Crochet with a Twist." She was officially named the best crocheter in the world in 2002 and 2004 international editions; Vogue Knitting named her a "master knitter."

Today's knitters and crocheters work with yarns created with silk, linen, mohair, alpaca, cashmere, rayon and acrylic. In many cases, shiny metallic threads and delicate beads are woven into yarns. Ribbon-type yarns give off their own shimmers.

"My mom taught me in hopes of keeping me out of trouble, but it didn't work," she says, laughing.

These days, Chin crisscrosses the country, giving workshops at specialty yarn shops like Ewe Knit Kits and Yarn in Virginia Beach, Va. She's often joined by Barry Klein, founder of Trendsetter Yarns and author of "The Ultimate Knitted Tee" and "Knitting with Novelty Yarns."

Those festival-like events often include trunk and fashion shows featuring hand-knitted and cro-

cheted ponchos, jackets, sweaters, scarves, handbags and caps.

You also see the latest in yarns, which are a far cry from the Red Heart skeins of yesteryear. Today's knitters and crocheters work with yarns created with silk, linen, mohair, alpaca, cashmere, rayon and acrylic.

In many cases, shiny metallic threads and delicate beads are woven into yarns. Ribbon-type yarns give off their own shimmers. Yarns also feature boucle, brushed and chenille finishes; eyelash

yarns can add the look of fringe and finely textured fur to garments. Skeins can cost as much as \$36 to \$40 for 100 yards, which is enough to make a nice scarf.

"There are now more than a 100 companies making these great yarns," says Jeanine Montgomery, a knitter and coordinator of fashion shows for the events sponsored by Ewe Knit Kits and Yarn.

The exploding popularity of knitting can be partly attributed to celebrity knitters such as Julia Roberts and Cameron Diaz, says Chin. Life magazine recently published a photo of Catherine Zeta-Jones knitting during a break from filming "The Legend of Zorro."

Knitting also has been dubbed the "new yoga," Chin says.

"What's more soothing and comforting than the rhythmic flow and tactile pleasure than knitting, especially when using some of the yummy yarns that are out there right now like angora or cashmere?" she says.

And you won't find just soccer moms knitting while they sit in their vans waiting for kids to emerge from dance or after-school activities, says Klein. The "Today" show recently showed a segment on young boys who knit because they want to make caps for their hockey team.

Chin, however, believes fashion flexibility is one of the best reasons to knit. You can make anything you want in any color and size, and you're not at the mercy of what's commercially available.

That includes quickly knitting a bikini for a day at the beach, she says. Using about 400 yards of yarn, she can crochet a bikini in 20 minutes or knit one in two hours. Beginning knitters can probably accomplish it in a day or over a weekend.

"You know what it's often like shopping at stores and not being able to find exactly what you want," she says.

"I say make it yourself and make it your own."

Learn to knit

■ For more information on knitting and related events, visit The Knitting Guild Association at www.tkga.com.

■ To find a nearby yarn-supply shop that gives knitting lessons, look under "needlework" and "yarn" in the Yellow Pages.

■ To get free patterns online, type in "free knitting patterns." Some sites include www.crystalpalaceyarns.com; coatsandclark.com; and www.woolworks.org.

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TODAY'S NEW KNITTING yarns, top left, are made with silk, linen, metallic and other luxury materials. Eyelash yarns give you delicate fringes of yarn fibers. Trendy knitting yarns seen here, bottom left, include ribbons, eyelash and a multi-colored wool/nylon yarn.



SYDNEY WALKER MODELS a poncho made in ribbon yarn done in shades of blue; ponchos can be made for as little as \$12 and as pricey as \$60 to \$75, depending on the yarn. Her mother, Audrey Walker, wears a Chanel-style jacket in a pink, ribbon yarn with metallic trim; the jacket costs about \$112 to make, top right. James Boynewicz, 2, is ready for cool spring days in a sweater, cap and neck scarf with "just ducky" embellishments. The sweater can be knitted in wool or cotton for \$75, including pattern, book and yarn, bottom right.

Crochet hooks more people into the hobby

BY BARBARA GASH
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

The number of knitters and crocheters in the United States has swelled to more than 45 million, according to the Craft Yarn Council of America.

We are seeing an especially rapid growth in crochet, which is certainly not just about granny squares anymore. Current fashions have helped boost this hobby, and it doesn't hurt that celebrity magazines tell us about the crocheted creations of Jennifer Lopez, Catherine Zeta-Jones and other stars.

Another driving force is, of course, the variety of beautiful yarns on the market now, both affordable and widely available. In addition to the classics, "the new eyelash, furry and ribbon yarns are so gorgeous that people want to jump in and work with them," says John Boggs of pattern book publisher DRG. He cites their particular appeal to young people both male and female, a segment that makes up much of the hobby's growth. "It's a hobby that is portable and relaxing," adds Boggs.

How does crochet differ from knitting?

To crochet, you need only a continuous strand of yarn and a single hook. Stitches are made by wrapping yarn around the

hook to form loops. Loops are then drawn through the wrapped yarn to make the stitches.

You can keep making loops, called chains, to create a foundation row, and then build on this foundation.

You can crochet in straight rows, or you can join stitches to work in the round.

It's versatile for both fashion and home decor, with its raised stitches that create beautiful texture.

Here are a few books to help you get started, or inspire you to new projects:

"How to Crochet" — a progressive lesson book, by Pauline Turner (Collins & Brown, \$29.95).

"Crochet with Style" — fun sweaters, by Melissa Leapman (Taunton Press, \$19.95).

"The Weekend Crafter: Crochet" — 20 simple designs, by Jane Davis (Lark Books, \$14.95).

At local yarn and craft stores, look for Lion Brand Yarn's Crochet for a Cause kit, which includes yarn, crochet hook, beginner instructions and pattern for a scarf. It retails for \$9, and sales benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

To see it on the Web, visit www.lionbrand.com and click on "Order Online," then type "cause" into the search window.



Slow, moist cooking elevates tough cuts to a tender, juicy feast

BY JANE SNOW

KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

AKRON, Ohio — Sunday dinner was a brick of chewy beef dry-roasted until it practically melted for mercy. In the 1950s and 1960s, many families called it "pot roast."

You'd expect a nation weaned on milk and raised on beef to have fond feelings for the typical Midwestern Sunday dinner. It ain't necessarily so. Pot-roast-wise, Americans still fall into two camps: the braisers and nonbraisers. The haves and have-nots.

It's time to come together as a nation. While we can't heal the acrimony between red and blue states, we can promise a tender beef roast in every pot and enough recipes for a month of Sundays. And even veteran braisers might learn a trick or two while trying our original recipes for Italian pot roast, pot roast carbonade, pot roast paprikas and Caribbean pot roast with Jamaican-jerk rub and mojo seasonings.

The cuts

Turning a prime rib or tenderloin into a pot roast would be like burning a Louis XIV chair for heat. It can be done, but who would want to? These tender cuts should be reserved for dry-roasting — roasting on a rack, uncovered in a shallow pan — to rare or medium rare.

Tough cuts are the ones that benefit from slow, moist cooking. As long as the hunk of meat is at least 2 inches thick, just about anything in the meat case labeled "chuck" will do. Some fine chuck roasts for braising are the arm, blade and cross-rib. Chuck-eye roasts may also be turned into pot roasts, although they're tender enough for dry roasting.

Some round roasts also benefit from slow, moist cooking. Although usually more expensive than chuck roasts, bottom round and eye of round roasts are good choices. Chuck roasts are generally preferred, though, because they are not as lean as round roasts, which can be dry even after braising.

Don't try to serve a pot roast rare or medium-rare, because it would be incredibly tough. Well-done is the only choice for these less expensive cuts of meat.

The cooking technique

Pot roasts should be braised. That is, the meat should be gently simmered in a liquid long enough to melt the connective tissues in the muscle, thereby tenderizing the meat.

The liquid must simmer, not boil, and must not completely cover the roast. Otherwise, you're making soup. Generally, enough liquid is added to come halfway up the sides of the roast.

Covering the pan during cooking prevents the liquid from evaporating and infuses the meat with moisture.

Pot roasts may be simmered on the stovetop or in the oven. In

either case, the roast is browned on all sides before the liquid is added. Browning the meat adds depth of flavor to the sauce.

The ingredients

At its most basic, a pot roast could be created from a hunk of meat, salt and pepper and water. It would taste pretty good, too, although not nearly as good as a pot roast assembled with a little imagination.

Just about anything from soda pop to tomato juice may be used for the liquid. Try to match the liquid to the seasonings. Imagine what they would taste like together.

In our recipe for Italian pot roast, for example, red wine and crushed tomatoes are the liquids and garlic, onion, rosemary and thyme are the seasonings. In the Caribbean pot roast recipe, hard cider was chosen for its clean, slightly sweet flavor, which complements but doesn't interfere with the orange and lime juices. All of the liquids complement the Jamaican jerk seasoning that is rubbed on the roast before it is browned.

Many pot roast recipes include an acid to help tenderize the meat and balance the flavors of the sauce. In our recipe for pot roast paprikas, cider vinegar helps cut the richness of the sour cream that is stirred in just before serving. A splash of balsamic vinegar is used in the pot roast carbonade, a take-off on a classic Flemish beef stew made with dark beer.

Pot roasts are practically fool-proof as long as you don't undercook them. They can be made a day or even two in advance and reheated, and the leftovers freeze beautifully.

The recipes for the Caribbean Pot Roast and Pot Roast Paprikas that follow were developed for this article, while the Pot Roast Carbonade and Italian Pot Roast recipes first appeared in my free online newsletter, Second Helpings. None of these roasts will moo for mercy, so get braising.

CARIBBEAN POT ROAST

- 1 chuck roast, about 2-1/2 to 3 pounds
- 2 tablespoons Jamaican jerk spice rub (any brand)
- 2 tablespoons (or more if necessary) vegetable oil
- 1 cup coarsely chopped onion
- 4 cloves garlic, sliced
- 1 bay leaf
- 3/4 cup orange juice
- 1/4 cup lime juice
- 1/2 to 1 cup hard cider or ginger ale

Rub roast all over with the spice rub. Heat oil over high heat in a Dutch oven or other heavy, deep kettle. Brown roast on both sides. Reduce heat to medium, add onions and garlic, and sauté for about 3 minutes, until onions begin to soften (you may have to remove roast from pan; return it as soon as the onions are done).

Add bay leaf, juices and enough cider or ginger ale to come halfway

up the side of the roast. Cover and simmer for about 2-1/2 hours, until meat is very tender.

Makes 4 to 6 servings.

ITALIAN POT ROAST

- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 boneless beef chuck or round roast, about 4 pounds
- Salt, pepper
- 2 cups chopped onion
- 2 large carrots, diced
- 4 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1 teaspoon dried rosemary
- 1-1/2 cups dry red wine (we used Gallo Hearty Burgundy)
- 1 can (28 ounces) crushed tomatoes

Heat half the oil in a deep kettle large enough to hold the roast. Sprinkle salt and pepper all over meat. Brown meat on all sides over medium-high heat. Remove from pan. Add remaining oil. Sauté onion and carrots until softened. Add garlic and sauté a few more minutes.

Return meat to pan. Sprinkle with thyme and rosemary. Add wine and simmer for 5 minutes. Add crushed tomatoes. Cover and cook at a simmer for about 3 hours, until meat is fork-tender. Slice and serve with the sauce.

Makes 6 to 8 servings

POT ROAST CARBONADE

- 3 tablespoons oil
- 1 boneless beef chuck roast, about 3 to 4 pounds
- Salt, pepper
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1 large onion, sliced
- 1 teaspoon thyme
- 1 can (15 ounces) beef broth
- 12 ounces dark beer
- 1 teaspoon balsamic vinegar
- 1 tablespoon packed brown sugar

Place oil in a heavy kettle over medium-high heat. While oil heats, rub chuck roast on both sides with salt, pepper and flour. Sear roast all over in the hot oil. Remove from pan and set aside.

Sauté onions in same pan until almost tender. Add thyme and beef broth. Bring to a boil, scraping browned bits from bottom of pan. Return roast to pan. Add enough beer to come halfway up the side of the roast. Add vinegar and sugar.

Cover, reduce heat and simmer for 2 to 2-1/2 hours, until meat is fork-tender.

Transfer roast to a platter. Cut across the grain into 1/4-inch-thick slices. Nap the meat with some of the cooking liquid, and pass the remaining liquid at the table.

Makes 6 to 8 servings.

POT ROAST PAPIKAS

- 4 slices thickly cut bacon, diced
- 1 boneless chuck roast, about 2-1/2 pounds



CARIBBEAN POT ROAST garnished with black beans, limes and oranges.

- Salt, pepper
- 1 tablespoon imported sweet Hungarian paprika
- 2 cups chopped onions
- 1/4 cup diced carrots
- 1 cup (about 15 ounces) chicken broth
- 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- 1 cup water
- 1/2 cup sour cream

Fry diced bacon in a heavy kettle until crisp. Remove from pan with slotted spoon and set aside. Season meat with salt and pepper, then rub all over with paprika. Brown on both sides in the bacon drippings over medium-high heat. Remove meat from pot and set aside.

Pour off all but 2 tablespoons fat. Sauté onions and carrots until onions are soft and golden. Return roast to pan. Add broth, vinegar and enough water to come halfway up sides of roast. Cover and simmer over low heat for about 2 1/2 hours, until meat is very tender.

Transfer roast to a platter. Stir bacon bits and the sour cream into the cooking liquid and warm through but do not boil. Cut roast into thick slices and moisten with some of the sauce. Pass remaining sauce at the table.

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Changes in private pension plans can fray retirement safety net

BY SUSAN TOMPOR

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PHOTO — While everybody is talking about the soundness of the pension system, the unraveling of the pension system could be even more troublesome for boomers.

Boomers will likely see Social Security benefits in their lifetime.

Boomers — and their co-workers — will never see a traditional pension check. I have what I'm saving for Social Security," said Vinny Mueller, principal and owner of the company.

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'change, announced earlier this month, doesn't affect retirees or current employees.

The big fear is that other companies could make similar moves to control their pension costs.

To be sure, some boomers can still depend on a pension. But even those boomers worry about the future and what their benefits, especially health care coverage, could look like.

Other boomers don't have much of a pension — or any. Maybe they switched jobs a lot because they didn't want to be tied down to one company for 30 years. So they've moved on with opportunities, sometimes losing a chance to earn a traditional pension.

Some boomer women moved in and out of the work force to raise their children and might not qualify for a pension, even if they worked at companies that offered one.

On top of that, companies have been cutting payrolls and retirement benefits, too. So some boomers who thought they had a shot at building up a solid pension ended up getting laid off.

Others saw their company freeze the traditional pension plan. For example, the old Kmart Corp. froze its pension plan in 1996, and employees who kept working there after that no longer earned additional benefits.

A freeze means the company no longer allows new workers to be covered by the pension plan. Old workers hold onto what they've earned so far, but they don't build up more benefits. It can be a painful move for some workers since some of the biggest benefits build up in the final years before retirement.

Today, more often, the retirement risk tends to be on the employee, not the employer.

Just 20 years ago or so, about 69 percent of older households — those headed by people ages 47 to 64 — had someone covered by a defined benefit plan, or a traditional pension. They could depend on some kind of check from an old employer, plus Social Security, each month during retirement.

By 2001, less than half of those older households were covered by a defined benefit plan.

Today, 20 percent of the total work force is covered by a traditional pension, or defined benefit plan.

Half of workers don't have a pension — or a 401(k) plan.

"Defined benefit plans, frankly, are out of vogue," said Jay Tower, a pension attorney in Bingham Farms, Mich.

Some employers such as Compuware Corp. do not offer a pension. Compuware has an employee stock plan and a 401(k) plan — with no matching contributions.

Other companies no longer offer an old-fashioned pension to new employees. New hourly employees hired at Delphi Corp. after May 1 — around 150 people so far — get an individual retirement plan account, sometimes known as a cash balance plan.

Cash balance plans are hybrid plans — sort of like a pension and sort of like a 401(k). The company makes a regular contribution for employees to the plan and the company manages the money — sort of like a pension. Yet unlike a more traditional pension, workers see regular statements showing how much money they have built

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Workers get that money when they leave. At retirement, the worker can choose to take that money in a lump-sum payout or a monthly check in retirement. What's unsettling is that some research suggests that many people are worse off under the do-it-yourself system.

"These 401(k)s are a lot less generous than the old defined benefit plans," said Edward Wolff, a New York University economist. Wolff calculated the value of pensions and concluded that the median net worth of older households — meaning half are doing better, half doing worse — had declined from 1983 to 2001.

The switchover from pension plans to 401(k)s, he says, has unraveled the worker safety net.

The unraveling continues as companies freeze plans, terminate their pension plans, reset the rules for new employees, or go bankrupt and stick a government agency with billions of dollars in claims. In many cases, the government safety net covers all the pension benefits that an employee has earned so far.

But in some well-known cases involving bankrupt companies, active workers ended up getting far less in retirement benefits than

they were promised.

Companies with underfunded pension plans reported a shortfall of \$278.6 billion for 2003 in the latest filings with the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp., the government agency that guarantees basic pension benefits.

The shortfall totaled \$305.9 billion in 2002. But it's up dramatically from roughly a \$20-billion shortfall for 2000. An underfunded plan means that if the plan ended today, it would not have enough money to cover all the promised pension benefits it owes.

John Hotz, deputy director for the consumer-focused Pension Rights Center in Washington, D.C., said boomers shouldn't zero in on the headline-grabbing shortfalls and assume that they will never see the pensions that they're now being promised. Some things will improve with the economy and the stock market.

And some trouble spots, such as in airlines or steel, are related to those industries and not to pension plans in general, Hotz said.

The bottom line: It is wise for boomers to craft a contingency plan.

Recognize that lots can change between now and when you retire.

"Pensions are voluntary bene-

fit programs — employers can change them," said Jeffrey Speicher, a spokesman for the PBGC.

A company cannot reduce a pension benefit that you've already earned or accrued. But a company can freeze or eliminate the plan — and you wouldn't earn further benefits. Many companies have frozen their plans, and the PBGC is conducting a study to find out how widespread such changes are. So compare the benefit you'd get if you left the company today with the estimated benefit you'd get if you hung around until age 65. The gap is your own potential shortfall, should you lose your job, leave the company early or watch the company terminate the plan.

It's also smart to understand that the nation's pension safety net doesn't always cover every dollar.

Many workers don't realize that the PBGC only guarantees accrued pension benefits — money earned up to the point the plan was terminated. So if you're 50 when the plan ends, you'd get a smaller pension check than you would have gotten if the plan just kept going until you were 65.

These are all things to consider, even if you're one of the lucky few covered by a pension.

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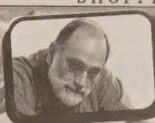
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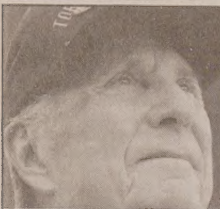
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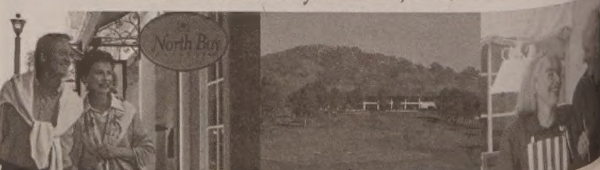


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Intercom systems keep getting better and cheaper



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\$100 will get you a basic model that connects to home's doorbell

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Do you ever wish you could talk to someone at the front door while you're upstairs or monitor the sounds from the baby's room while you're in the kitchen? A central intercom system will allow you to do just that, and more. You can pipe music throughout the house, call everyone for dinner, even remotely scan a security camera at the front or back door from a central location. Intercom systems are nothing new, but, like many things electronic, they have evolved over the years. New technology has led to improved performance and often lower prices, and many systems

are very simple for the do-it-yourselfer to install, even in an existing home.

As is typically the case with a home improvement project, your first step is to decide what type of system you wish to install. An intercom system is simply a two-way transmit/receive unit that allows one person to talk in one location and another to listen at a different location. From there, you can increase to multi-room capabilities; radio, cassette, or CD music systems; speaker upgrades; and the addition of fixed or movable video cameras with one or more black and white or color monitors.

Perhaps the simplest intercom system is one that utilizes your existing doorbell wiring, and replaces the doorbell button and chime units. With this type of system — priced at around \$100 — the door unit acts as both a doorbell button and a talk/listen station, and the indoor unit will chime when the doorbell button is pressed, and then al-

low you to talk to the person at the door. This is a great do-it-yourself project, and also typically affords you the ability to add at least one additional inside station in another room.

Next comes the central intercom system, which is the most common type and the area where you will find the greatest number of system types and options — what you choose is primarily a matter of your needs, the size of your home and your budget. Central intercom systems range in price from around \$400 to well over \$1,000, depending on its features and the number of remote room units involved.

Every central intercom system starts with basics — a multi-room intercom. With this type of system, there is a master unit that is located in one convenient spot — typically the kitchen or living room — and that acts as the central control for the entire system. There are also individual remote room

units located inside the house, and two or more door units located outside.

With most systems, you can answer the door from any of the remote units — you don't need to go back to the master unit — and the person at the door can speak to you hands-free. Most systems also include a "listen-in" feature, which lets you monitor the sounds in a baby's room or keep an ear on someone who is confined to bed. For privacy, the listen-in feature can be shut off by someone in the room if desired.

Another feature common to most types of central intercom systems is music. The most common variation contains an AM/FM radio, but units are also available for use with cassette tapes or even CDs. With the music system, you typically get a number of presets for radio stations, a "wake-to-music" feature that lets the intercom function as an alarm system in as many rooms as desired, and a

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timer system that shuts the music off after a preset amount of time. Most systems also allow the volume of the music to be controlled from each individual room, again eliminating the need to go back to the master control station.

For added convenience and security, some systems offer the capability of remote door unlock. Similar to the systems found in some apartments and commercial businesses, the system alerts you via a tone when someone rings the doorbell, allows you to speak to the person from anywhere inside the house, and then to release the door lock from any of the remote interior station locations.

For the ultimate system, you

can install an exterior camera mounted above the door. Depending on the system, the camera may be fixed in one location with a wide-angle lens, or it may have the ability to scan up and down, pan from side to side, or even zoom in and out. The picture is received on one or more interior stations, in either color or black and white. Video monitor systems also feature all of the standard intercom features, including a remote door unlock. These systems are typically in the range of \$1,500 and up.

Intercom systems can be found at some larger home centers, as well as electronic stores and through specialty contractors.

Fannie Mae is testing 40-year mortgages at 21 credit unions

BY ALAN J. HEAVENS

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There is an idea that has gone around and come back again: the 40-year mortgage.

Fannie Mae, the nation's largest agency of home financing, is testing a 40-year mortgage, using 21 federally insured credit unions around the country as its test pigs.

By limiting the test market to credit unions, Fannie Mae targets a audience of low- and moderate-income buyers. Spokeswoman Mary Cutts said Fannie Mae is testing the 40-year mortgage as part of its "American Dream" strategy, designed to create homeownership opportunities for such buyers.

In addition, credit unions usually serve certain professions, such as teachers, police officers and firefighters, who often cannot afford to live in the areas where they work.

Cutts said there were no data indicating whether people were applying for the 40-year mortgage. As of 2004, she said, the market results will be examined and a decision on whether to pursue — and maybe expand — the program will be made.

A 40-year mortgage allows you to pay more for your money, but has disadvantages as well. For one thing, it takes you longer to build up equity in your home. For example, extending the

mortgage payments over 40 years instead of 30 years could reduce the amount you pay each month on the principal by more than half.

For another, depending on the size of the mortgage and the interest rate, adding 10 years to the loan might result in your paying more than \$100,000 extra in interest.

Fannie Mae's timing of its pilot project was a bit off. When it was launched a year ago, "interest rates looked as if they were heading up," Cutts said.

But fixed rates have stayed under 6 percent for most of the last 12 months, and it has remained a refinancing market. The most recent Mortgage Bankers Association of America survey showed that the refinancing share of all mortgage activity is increasing, closing in on 50 percent of the business.

Forty-year mortgages have been around since the early 1980s, when 18 percent fixed-interest rates were squeezing consumers out of the real estate market. One-year adjustable mortgages, with teaser rates of 16 percent, did not offer much of an alternative.

Extending a 30-year mortgage over 40 years served to reduce the high interest rates to within shooting distance of reasonable, and adjustable 40-year mortgages made payments even lower.

But interest rates today are a third of what they were 20 years

ago, and economists say it is unlikely they will ever be as high again.

Demand has been so low and so few 40-year mortgages are written these days that the Mortgage Bankers Association of America does not even keep track of them, said spokesman Matthew Roysse.

It is not that the 40-year mortgage has not been available — if you wanted one. Washington Mutual, one of the nation's largest mortgage lenders, has continued to offer it, as do many smaller lenders.

Other major lenders — Wells Fargo and Countrywide, for example — do not. At least not yet.

"Countrywide is constantly looking at consumer demand when evaluating loan products and the 40-year mortgage is something we have on our radar," said executive vice president Vijay Lala.

Said Peter Buxbaum of Arlington Capital Mortgage in Bensalem, Pa.: "I haven't done one (in) forever. There are so many better mortgage products on the market."

Some critics have suggested that 40-year mortgages will encourage people to borrow more

money than they can handle and that, if the longer-term mortgage comes into widespread use, it could help boost home prices even higher.

"As with any mortgage, the 40-year isn't for everyone," said Cutts, the Fannie Mae spokeswoman. "Our risk assessment and credit standards haven't changed. Mortgages will continue to be granted on a person's ability to afford them."

"Our studies have shown that people don't remain in their houses for the life of their mortgage," she said. "After five to seven years, they either refinance or move."

A home buyer's perceptions play the biggest role in the kind of mortgage they go with, Buxbaum said.

"You have to remember that people don't look at the long haul, but at the size of the monthly payment," he said. "If the 40-year lowers that payment to make the house they want more affordable, then that's what they'll do. The fact that they'll never pay the mortgage off doesn't matter."

As long as interest-only loans remain "the No. 1 alternative to the plain-vanilla 30-year fixed mort-

gage," said Fred Glick, president of USLoans.net in Philadelphia, he does not see much of a future in the 40-year mortgage.

Interest-only loans, which have been around since the 1920s, allow buyers to increase the amount of money they can borrow without raising their monthly payments.

For example, with a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage that has an \$800 monthly payment, some of that \$800 goes to the principal. With an interest-only mortgage, all the payment goes to interest, meaning that a buyer can borrow more.

Some interest-only mortgages come with slightly higher interest rates. In addition, the interest-only feature does not last for the entire term in most cases, Glick said.

Fannie Mae's InterestFirst mortgage has two terms of 15 years each, with the first interest-free and the second fully amortizing.

But again, people who take out interest-only loans are not building equity.

"One of the appeals of these loans is that people expect that their houses will continue to appreciate in value, as they have done over the last several years," Buxbaum said. "So devoting \$100 or so to the principal each month doesn't mean that much."

Moreover, mortgage rates, which have been hovering around 5.75 percent since the summer, "make the money very cheap" even if the interest-only rate is a bit higher, Buxbaum said.

The problem will come if the houses do not increase in value.

To some people, the plain-vanilla 30-year mortgage still looks good enough.

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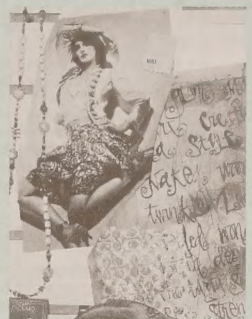
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